

Objective

By the end of this lesson, you will have a better understanding of the history and elements of rap music, as well as the opportunity to create your own rap lyrics.

Materials and Prep

- Pen and paper
- Access to a device for listening to rap music
- No prior knowledge required, just an open mind and enthusiasm for rap music!

Activities

- **Rap Lyric Analysis:** Listen to a few rap songs and analyze the lyrics for themes, wordplay, and storytelling.
- **Rhyme Scheme Practice:** Practice creating your own rap verses with different rhyme schemes like AABB or ABAB.
- **Beat Making:** Use online tools to create your own rap beats or experiment with existing beats.

Talking Points

- **What is Rap Music?**

Rap music is a genre of music that features rhythmic and rhyming speech. It often addresses social issues, personal experiences, and storytelling.

- **History of Rap:**

Rap music originated in the 1970s in the Bronx, New York, as a form of expression for African American and Latino youth.

- **Elements of Rap:**

Rap music consists of four main elements: MCing (rapping), DJing, graffiti art, and breakdancing.

- **Rap Legends:**

Artists like Tupac Shakur, The Notorious B.I.G., and Jay-Z have made significant contributions to the rap music industry.

- **Creating Your Own Rap Lyrics:**

When writing rap lyrics, focus on your own experiences, emotions, and unique perspective to make your verses authentic.