

Objective

By the end of this lesson, Anahera will be able to analyze the meaning behind lyrics in rap songs, understand the cultural context of the genre, and express her thoughts creatively through her own rap lyrics.

Materials and Prep

- Notebook and pen or pencil
- Access to a few rap songs (can be played online or via a device)
- Printed lyrics of selected rap songs (optional)
- Internet access for research on rap culture (optional)

Before the lesson, it might be helpful to choose a few rap songs with rich lyrics that convey strong messages. Familiarize yourself with their themes and meanings.

Activities

- **Lyric Analysis:**

Choose a rap song and listen to it together. Afterward, read through the lyrics, discussing any unfamiliar words and their meanings. Ask Anahera what she thinks the main message of the song is and why she feels that way.

- **Cultural Context Discussion:**

Talk about the history of rap music and its roots in African American culture. Discuss how rap reflects social issues and personal experiences. Encourage Anahera to think about how these themes relate to her own life or society today.

- **Create Your Own Rap:**

Challenge Anahera to write her own rap lyrics based on a theme that is important to her. She can use the structure of the rap song you analyzed as a guide. After writing, she can perform her rap to you!

Talking Points

- "Rap is a form of expression that tells a story. What story do you think this song is telling?"
- "Many rap songs talk about real-life issues, like struggles and hopes. Can you think of any examples from the song we listened to?"
- "Words in rap can be very powerful. Why do you think the artist chose these specific words?"
- "Rap has a rich history and is connected to many social movements. How do you think music can inspire change?"
- "When you write your own rap, you can share your feelings and ideas. What message do you want to share?"