

## Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will have a deeper understanding of hip hop music's history, its cultural significance, and the elements that make up a hip hop track. They will also create their own short rap verse, allowing them to express their thoughts and creativity through this dynamic genre.

## Materials and Prep

- Notebook and pen for writing
- Access to a digital device (phone, tablet, or computer) for listening to music
- Optional: a metronome app or beat-making app (if available)

Before the lesson, familiarize yourself with a few classic and contemporary hip hop tracks to discuss their styles and themes. Consider what aspects of hip hop you find most interesting.

## Activities

### • Listening Session:

Begin the lesson by listening to a selection of hip hop tracks from different eras. Discuss the differences in style, lyrics, and production. Choose at least one classic track (like "Rapper's Delight" by The Sugarhill Gang) and one contemporary track (like "Sicko Mode" by Travis Scott) to compare and contrast.

### • Lyric Analysis:

Pick a few lines from the songs you listened to and analyze their meaning. Discuss the themes of the lyrics, the use of metaphors, and the storytelling aspect of hip hop. Ask the student what they think the artist is trying to convey.

### • Create Your Own Verse:

Using the knowledge gained from the previous activities, have the student write their own short rap verse. Encourage them to think about rhythm, rhyme, and the message they want to share. If they have access to a beat-making app, they can create a simple beat to go along with their lyrics.

### • Performance:

Have the student perform their rap verse, either a cappella or over a beat if they created one. This will help build confidence in their creative expression and allow them to share their work with others.

## Talking Points

- "Hip hop originated in the 1970s in the Bronx, New York, and has since grown into a global phenomenon."
- "The four main elements of hip hop are rapping (MCing), DJing, graffiti art, and breakdancing."
- "Lyrics in hip hop often tell stories about personal experiences, social issues, and cultural identity."
- "Artists use various literary devices, like rhyme and metaphor, to enhance their message."
- "Hip hop has evolved over the years, influencing and being influenced by other genres like R&B, rock, and pop."
- "Collaborations between artists can create unique sounds and broaden the reach of hip hop"

music."

- "Many hip hop artists use their platform to advocate for social change and raise awareness about important issues."