

Year 8 - Rap Music Knowledge Organiser

Musical Context	Key Musicians	Musical Conventions		Useful Links
 <p>Hip-Hop is an artistic culture that began in the South Bronx area of New York City, USA, in the 1970s.</p>  <p>The four pillars of Hip hop Culture:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MCing (and beat boxing) • Djing (and scratching) • B-boying (or break dancing) • Graffiti writing.   <p>Hamilton is a very successful musical featuring lots of rap music. The musical covers the life of American Founding Father Alexander Hamilton.</p> 	<p>2Pac</p>  <p>Famous songs include Changes.</p> <p>Stormzy</p>  <p>Famous songs include Big for your boots.</p> <p>Lauryn Hill</p>  <p>Famous songs include Doo Wop (That Thing).</p>	<p>4/4 metre.</p> <p>Moderato tempo.</p> <p>Syncopated rhythms: Emphasising the 'weaker' beats of the bar.</p> <p>Use of ostinato and repetition.</p> <p>Meaningful lyrics with an important message.</p> <p>Internal rhymes: rhymes that happen within a single line or verse, or between internal phrases, rather than at the line endings.</p>	<p>Rap battles: where people argue, through the use of clever rhymes and delivery of lines.</p> <p>Melodic Hook: a short melodic pattern of notes which give a rap song a memorable tune.</p> <p>Sample: a short piece of music taken from another song, and 'featured' in a rap song. Examples below!</p> 	<p>Check out some amazing rap songs using these links:</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4MxCPy83shM</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZYCb1aGk_KA</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nfTTDjLbqrE</p> <p>Learn more about rap Music and expand your knowledge:</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zvtjwty</p>
	<p>Test Yourself</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where does rap music come from? • What are the 4 pillars of Hip Hop? • Can you name a famous rapper? • What is a rap battle? • What are internal rhymes? • What is a sample? • What is a melodic hook? 	<p>Rap songs with samples, together with the originals</p> <p>De La Soul - 'Me, Myself and I' https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D-Y83Z9nNUY</p> <p>Funkadelic - 'Not Just Knee Deep' https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QIJ3s9TNcuM</p> <p>Coolio - 'C U When U Get There' https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w2GBIGKcswg</p> <p>Pachelbel - 'Canon in D' https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NlprozGcs80</p> <p>The Sugarhill Gang - Rapper's Delight https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T2qBSeZmKpQ</p> <p>Chic - 'Good Times' https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q5C9oeKxJzo</p>		<p>Example of meaningful rap lyrics</p>  <p>I start to think And then I sink, Into the paper Like I was ink: When I'm writing, I'm trapped in between the lines, I escape When I finish the rhyme</p> <p>'I Know You Got Soul' by Rakim (1987)</p>