

Lesson 1

Listen to this piece of music and answer the following questions:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wLzwSqKNkVU>

- When it was written?
- What instruments are used?
- What do you think the style of the music is?
- What is the song/music about?
- Do you recognise the songs?

Hip hop began in America in the 1970s. This musical style began with block parties in New York, where music was brought outside. It includes programmed beats, rapping, samples and DJing. A sample is a recorded sound. The rapping element comes from Jamaica - a cross between rhythmic chanting and talking. DJs make the instrumental sections longer, otherwise known as breaks, then rapping takes place over the breaks and break dancers usually perform.

Activity - Write your rap about anything (sports, news, holiday, summer, hobbies, and school). You want to aim to make it rhyme at the end of each line.

Lesson 2

Listen to these two pieces of music and answer the following questions:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4fndeDfaWCg>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fw-QRyQcFH8>

- When it was written?
- What instruments are used?
- What do you think the style of the music is?
- What is the song/music about?
- Do you recognise the songs?

Many artists, especially rap and hip-hop artists are using a technique called sampling (**sampling** is the reuse of a portion (or **sample**) of a sound recording in

another recording). Can you hear the example of sampling - Vanilla Ice using the bass guitar riff from Queen's *Under Pressure* for his song *Ice Ice Baby*.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rog8ou-ZepE>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a01QQZyl-_I

Activity - Finish writing your rap. Please feel free to perform it and email it to me or email me the lyrics to put on our celebration page.