Hip-hop

# Pre-questions

Answer these questions on a piece of paper.

•Do you like hip-hop? Why or why not?

Yes, I like the music and the culture

•What is hip-hop? What is rap? Are they different?

•Why do you think hip-hop started?

•What are the stereotypes about hip-hop?

•What role does the media play in teaching us about hip-hop?

# Four Elements

## DJing

* The art of spinning records at a dance party, picking out songs in a crowd-pleasing manner.
* Also the art of touching and moving records with your hands.
  + Popular techniques: Cutting and scratching

## Breakdancing

* A style of dance that includes gymnastic moves, had spins, and backspin.
* They called themselves B-boy and B-girls, and their style of dancing became break dancing.

## Graffiti

* Visual art, an expression pf youth culture and rebellion space.
* The first forms of subway were tags, or signatures of someone’s nickname or crew.

## MCing

* MC are initials for “master of ceremonies.” MC’s or originally hosted parties and introduced tracks to the dancing audience. Eventually the term was used to describe rapper.
* Rapping is the art of saying rhymes to the beat of music. It comes out of the African-American oral tradition of using rhymes language to ridicule your friends or enemies in a clever way.

# Beginning of hip-hop

* Began in Bronx in New York City
* At house parties and community centers DJ’s mixed songs from different records together
  + Most music was soul, funk and disco
* They started extending short drum breaks into longer dance mixes by switching between record decks
* Bronx DJ’s experimented with touching and moving vinyl records with their hands. They also used electronic sounds coming from other places like Europe.

## What is funk and disco?

### Funk

* Funk (slang): Bold unpredictable style or attitude.
* Funk (musically): Form of urban dance music in the 60’s, 70’s, and 80’s.
  + Combination of jazz, soul, rock n’ roll, blues, and gospel.
* It’s danceable, rhythmic, and funky.
* The bass and the brums are two of the most important parts.
* Popular musicians: James Brown, Sly and Family Stone, and Kool & the Gang.

### Disco

* Genre influenced by Funk.
* Started in dance clubs in the 60’s.
* Used more electronic instruments and synthesizers than funk.
* Not as heavy and more about the party lifestyle.
* Popular musician: Bee Gees, Donna Summers, KC and the Sunshine Band.