

Hip Hop Culture, Social Change, and the Media

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Question 1

A group of people who not only interact with each other but also similar characteristics and a sense of unity can be referred to as a social group. The three social groups I associate myself with include family, peer group such as millennial, and community such as African-American.

The family is the first group that an individual gets to know first. A family is the main social network in the life of any individual or gathering of people. It is from this that an individual appends and comprehends the estimations of culture, absorbs the main social jobs and gains the experience of social conduct. In the family, this individual makes their first strides, encounters the first delights and distresses, and afterward, leaves the family and faces a major world. The individual will then return if things get tough out there. The family is an intricate social formation. Every individual from the family is both a special distinction and an essential piece of an entire family gathering. The family is a small social group.

A peer group is a group of individuals from around a similar age, societal position, and interests. By and large, individuals are generally equivalent regarding power when they cooperate with friends. In the case of Millennial, it comprises of a group of people born between the early 1980s to early 2000s.

A community is a group of individuals with shared characteristic and shared traits. Apart from living in the same place, people in a given community feel they belong to each other and

care about each other. Being an African-American makes me an associate and a group member of the African-American community.

The song I would pick is Kendrick Lamar's 'Alright.' This song is among the many songs in Lamar's 2015 album "To Pimp a Butterfly." The song is a mix of hip-hop jazz and a myriad of other music genres. 2016 single 'Alright' has become the anthem of the generation. The song comforts the people of color as well as other oppressed communities. The song gives me hope and a feeling that despite tensions growing worse and worse everything and everyone will be alright.

The artist I could pick to make a chart-topping hit with is Pharrell Williams. For instance, liberation has been a dream for most African-American communities. Picking Pharrell would see to it that the social and political themes of liberation are put across as he has done in his previous hit songs including 'Freedom.'

Question 2

Eminem's 'Till I Collapse' single is my favorite song when I need a little motivation to get up and start running. In the year 2017, the song was the most downloaded workout song as reported by music streaming service Spotify. Typically, music goes hand in hand with exercise. When working out, listening to music will keep you working out for long hours, harder, and even brighten one's mood in the process. Listening to Eminem's 'Till I Collapse' song keeps one moving. The song uplifts an individual's spirit and keeps one moving longer and stronger. Replacing 'Till I Collapse' as my workout song would be difficult considering that my body and mind is already tuned to the song. The tune of the song tunes my body ready for a workout. 'Till I Collapse' is people's choice and getting it out of the way would take years.

Question 3

My favorite YouTube videos include “*heal the world by Michael Jackson*” and “*where do broken hearts go by Whitney Houston*”. These two videos generally summarize the two sides of my life, how I relate with myself and my interactions. Watching these two videos remind me of a couple of memories that will last forever. In ‘heal the world’, the lyrics and the footage of kids playing remind me of my childhood days where I hardly had any worries about tomorrow. The next video is about the lyrics that remind me of some breakdown I had over some relationship. These music videos show the sentimental part of my life that has remained exclusively to me.

These two music videos have shared the artistic value and carry a strong message of love to the community and to spouses. The teachings that music videos help to push through the actions can help in several ways. Music videos are essential in creating awareness, warning and educating. However, there are others that are just made for entertainment purposes.

I engage people with music videos online and offline. I like understanding the different perspectives that come with the opinions of others about the same. Online, I engage them through comments and posts that create an interactive session. Offline, I ask random questions about new and old music videos.

Question 4

Music is an essential art when I seek to relax my mind in a soothing manner. There exist different kinds of music which fit my every kind of mood, for example, happy, sad, annoyed or

afraid to approach or do something. Some of these types of music include soul music, country music, and Rnbs. Music helps to bring out the emotions I have. Continuous developments in technology have impacted the music sector. Through improved technology, music recording is made simpler. Currently, music is found in almost all internet platforms, for example, YouTube and Facebook. Moreover, music helps in the spread of innovative strategies and ideas on the music is able to reach a wide range of people in the communities. I feel that music motivates me to face my fears. However, not being able to listen to music any day and anywhere would make life to be boring. Using music to bring out some information or situation makes it. Without music, I would find it difficult to deal with emotions and also carry out some physical activities, for example, house chores and also some exercises in the gym.

I cannot operate a vinyl. Vinyl is a tool that holds music in its hard form. With the emergence of new technology, all the music is now contained in the compact disk which is easily movable making it possible to listen to different kind of music anywhere. Therefore a vinyl is mostly viewed as an old fashioned tool no longer needed as much. Moreover, there are no efforts to bring the vinyl back in use since most of the citizens are more than satisfied with the digital tools.

