

# 5 Step Music Activities

## RAP AS POETRY

Rap can inspire a love of words and poetry. This activity encourages children to express themselves and talk about the way they are feeling.



01

Play '**Friend Like Me**' from the new version of **Aladdin**. Ask students why this is a catchy piece of music. Why do they like it? Final question, 'what is rap music'?

02

Show pupils **Kendrick Lamar**'s verse from the song **Now Or Never** starting with the line '*A Fool...*' and finishing on '*two plus yours*'. Go through any difficult words. What is this rap about?



03

**In pairs**, ask pupils what a good rap should be like. What should it be about? Do all the lines have to rhyme? (There are no fixed rules, this is just to ignite discussion)

04

**Make suggestions** on the board about what the class could rap about e.g. Self-belief, the pressure of growing up, family



05

**In pairs or small groups**, encourage the students to write a rap about one of the topics. Model performing a rap yourself before the class starts