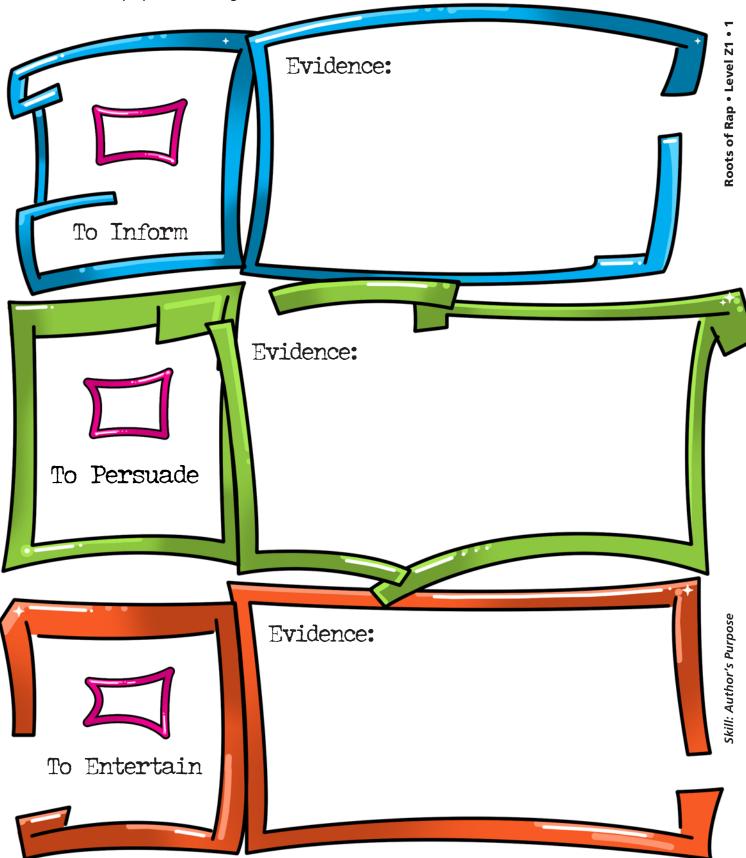


**Instructions:** As you read, think about the author's purpose(s) for writing *Roots of Rap* and then check the appropriate box(es). Write examples from the text to support your thinking in the *Evidence* boxes. Determine the author's *main* purpose for writing the book and circle it.



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Skill: Dashes

**Instructions:** Read the sentences below and decide whether they contain dashes or hyphens. Then write *D* for *dash* or *H* for *hyphen* on the line to the right of the sentence. If the sentence does contain a dash, explain how it is used (to clarify information or to add a thought) on the line below the sentence.

- 1 New York City in the 1970s was a dismal scene of twentieth-century urban decay. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 The original hip-hop artists knew they could become legendary among their peers. \_\_\_\_\_
- **3** Artists took their creativity to the streets and made them their stage—and the city, their audience. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Early DJs referred to the "four pillars," or key elements of rap culture—the DJ, the MC, breaking, and graffiti art. \_\_\_\_\_
- **5** Kool Herc noticed that the crowd loved the part of the record called the breakbeat—a short, catchy drum solo. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Breakers also referred to themselves as b-boys and b-girls. \_\_\_\_\_
- *Freezes* are just what they sound like—the breaker stops, or freezes, all bodily motion, typically in an unusual or difficult position. \_\_\_\_\_
- **8** As the DJ played music, the MC did call-and-response to excite and involve the crowd. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Instructions:** In the sentences below, circle the adjectives and hyphenated compound adjectives. Then, underline the noun or nouns they describe.

- 1 Clive was the young would-be father of hip-hop.
- **2** The turntable was a stand-alone instrument for playing and creating music.
- **3** Rap was a one-way ticket to fame.
- 4 Sixteen-year-old Clive was a young DJ.
- **5** Breakbeats was a one-of-a-kind sound in the 1980s.
- **6** Breakers had high-speed dance moves.
- **7** The forty-year timespan of rap influenced many new sounds.
- **8** Would you like to be a well-known rap star?

