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Directions: Use this worksheet to answer questions related to the project. If you need more space, you may use the back of this page or a separate sheet of paper.

Hip-Hop: Mix Rhymes and Beats

Section 1 Evaluate Accompaniment Tracks

After listening to the three accompaniment tracks, complete this chart.

	Describe the tempo and the overall beat.	Describe the overall feel of the track.	What images might accompany this track in a music video?	Identify a subject to rap about over this track.
Sample responses	relaxed/fast/ intense/delicate /heavy	jazzy/deep/light/ soft/exciting/	beaches/ dancing/driving at night/flight simulation	
Mellow track				
Medium track				
Energetic track				
Caribbean track				

Which of these hip-hop tracks do you think would be good music for dancing? Why?

Section 2 Explore Rap Verses

After listening to the four rap examples, complete this chart.

	Describe the energy of the rapper.	How well does the performance of the rap match the supporting track?	Do the words of the rap verse complement or contrast with the overall sound and feel of the piece?	Rate the verses on a scale of 1-4 (1 is most favorite; 4 is least favorite). Explain your response.
Sample responses	intense/playful/ sincere			
Mellow track				
Medium track				
Energetic track				
Caribbean track				

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If you have a favorite rap artist, explain why the artist's style appeals to you. How does it compare to the examples in this project?

Section 3 Write a Rap Verse

Hip-hop albums often feature theatrical elements, such as skits or phone conversations, between songs. What theatrical elements (dialogue scenes, conversations, or sound effects) might you use to introduce the rap verses you wrote?

Performance Activity

Circle your chosen Performance Activity.

Songwriting

Vocal

Instrumental

Write a brief self-reflection of your completed work. Evaluate what you learned about hip-hop music. How is it similar to and how is it different from other styles of music you have worked with?

In your own words, describe how you think this musical style will change in the future.
