

Poetry Slam

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Grade 8-9

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| Overview | For students to understand how music artists use poetry in their lyrics. |
| State Standard | 8.7.4 Use precise language, action verbs, sensory details, appropriate and colorful modifiers (describing words, such as adverbs and adjectives), and the active (I recommend that you write drafts.) rather than the passive voice (The writing of drafts is recommended.) in ways that enliven oral presentations |
| Objective For Learners | To look at many different rap artist lyrics, and to listen to their songs using Blip to understand how poetry plays a role into this. And then after analyzing the music, they are to create their own poem/rap and perform it in front of the class |
| Materials | Internet to access Blip Paper Pencil |
| Procedures | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Take class time to introduce the project to the students by starting off by using blip to listen to a current new rap song.2. Then analyze the lyrics by showing the lyrics on a projector so students can see how the artists mainly use poetry to come up with their song.3. I would then maybe take a few minutes to listen to a few more rap songs and examine their lyrics as well to show students most artists use poetry.4. Next I would tell the students to pull out a piece of paper and a pencil. They are to create their own rap or poem to perform in front of class.5. They will have the rest of the class period to create their poem/rap; I would continue to play rap music to give the students some inspiration for their own pieces of work.6. I would expect every student to perform their own poem or rap in front of the class the next day. However, this is a competition, the students are to compete in front of each other and see who had the most creative idea. |

Evaluation

Students would be graded on three aspects. How creative their poem was, and if they actually used some of the styles of the rap artists we looked at in class. Next I would grade their poems grammar and fluency. Finally I would grade them by how they delivered their poem. They need to have some passion when they deliver it in front of the class because most rap artists are passionate about their work.