

Hip Hop

An Introduction To Hip Hop



Hip Hop Culture

Research hip hop history and contemporary culture to explain why this forms the backbone of the dance. Discover how each of its main elements is inseparable, including the moves, music, fashion and graffiti.

What do you need?

- computer with internet access
- books or articles about hip hop origins and hip hop today
- paper and pens

Let's start

1. Choose a partner and decide which hip hop art you will report on: graffiti, music, beat boxing, fashion or dance.
2. Research:
 - how it started
 - who started it
 - why
 - what it looked/sounded like in the early days and what it looks/sounds like now
 - how it relates to the other hip hop arts
 - examples of hip hop arts in Australia and where they are found
 - influences on Australian hip hop

3. When you have finished, present your findings to your class and teacher.

Tip: You might like to role play your presentation with an interview scenario where one of you is the interviewer and the other is a hip hop artist.

Did you know?

Today there is a movement to separate hip hop from urban choreography. Hip hop choreography uses only hip hop music, whereas urban choreography uses other music and sometimes mixes hip hop moves with other styles.

Reflection

- What is your understanding of Hip Hop culture?
- What influence does Hip Hop culture have on your life?