

Theme Guide

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Song	Themes	Social Skills Development	Use in an Integrated Curriculum
Nas "Bridging the Gap"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Father/ Son Relationships Music History - Jazz/Blues/ Hip Hop Connection African American History 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Positive self concept Oppositional defiant behavior School drop out issues Connection between behavior and academics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> American History American Literature Geography Social Skills
Common "The Corner"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urban Life - positives and negatives Civil Rights Movement Contemporary American History Landmarks and Monuments 20th Century Poetry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consequences of "hanging out" Loss and Trauma Positive Self Concept Impulsivity Peer Pressure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World History Current Events American History American Literature World Literature Poetry Creative Writing Geometry Geography
Lauryn Hill "Everything Is Everything"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ancient Egypt Women's History Africa Serengeti Pyramids 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gratitude Celebrating personal talents and gifts Positive Outlook on Life Encouraging Words to Youth Positive Self Concept Mood Stability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World History Ancient Cultures African History and Culture Poetry Creative Writing American History
Mos Def "New World Water"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Global Warming Pollution Water Conservation Water Cycle World Water Crisis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Service Global Citizenship Peer Organizing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current Events Biology Ecology Social Studies
50 Cent "God Gave Me Style"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comparative Religions Comparative Literature Redemption Character Analysis Author's Purpose 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gratitude Family/Community Systems Positive Self-Esteem Financial Prosperity Positive Self Concept Loss and Trauma Anger Management Overcoming Adversity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World History World Cultures Current Events English Literature Social Studies

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Asheru "Boondocks Theme Song"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comparing urban and suburban life • 20th Century American History • Civil Rights Movement • Speeches • Allusion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive Self Concept • Mood Stability • Responses to Change 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American History • American Literature • Communications
Will.I.am/ Obama "Yes We Can"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election Process • Political Campaigns • Public Speaking • American History • Timelines • Prominent Americans • Research • Current Events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive Self Concept • Multi-cultural Role Models 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American History • American Literature • Communications • Statistics • Current Events
Ludacris "Tell It Like It Is"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Skills • Executive Functioning Skills • Critical Thinking • Financial Literacy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive Self Concept • Controlling Impulsivity • Pitfalls of Fame • Dangers of Drugs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Skills • Social/Life Skills • Contemporary American History • American Literature • Creative Writing
KRS One "Self Destruction"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cause and Effect • Current Events • Contemporary American History 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-Violence • Consequences • Collaboration • Positive Self Concept 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American History • American Literature
Ghost face "All that I Got Is You"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poverty • Homelessness • Single Parenting • Narrative Writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loss and Trauma • Gratitude • Positive Self Concept • Anger Management • Impulsivity • Resiliency • Role Models 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Studies • Urban Studies • American Literature • Creative Writing

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Saigon "So Much Pain In My Life"	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Service• Research• Point of View	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peer Pressure• Consequences of Risky Behavior• HIV/AIDS• Pregnancy• Loss and Trauma• Anger Management• Mood Stability• Controlling Impulsivity• Resiliency	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Life Skills• Social Skills• Current Events• Communications• American Literature• American Society
Kanye West "Diamonds from Sierra Leone"	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conflict Diamonds• Materialism• Slave Labor• Comparative Literature• Current Events• Allusions• Literary Devices	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Loss and Trauma• Positive Self Concept• Community Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Geography• World Cultures• World Literature• Statistics• Current Events
T.I. "No Matter What"	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Current Events• Research• Mea Culpa• Comparing Texts• Literary Devices	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consequences of Choices• Resiliency• Redemption• Incarceration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Current Events• English Literature• Social Studies• American History

Through popular Hip Hop songs, your students will

- Compare Texts
- Use Graphic Organizers
- Make Text-to-Self Connections
- Increase Fluency
- Re-call Phonics Skills
- Define and Use Rich Vocabulary
- Research
- Determine the Author's Purpose
- Use the Writing Process
- Write Metaphors and Similes
- Analyze and Write Poetry
- Find and use Literary Devices
- Examine Point of View
- Discuss Story Elements
- Eliminate use of Passive Voice
- Practice Expository Writing
- Practice Persuasive Writing
- Practice Narrative Writing
- Practice Creative Writing