

Street Rhymes and Raps

Street Rhymes: This seems to be a natural for people to get into wordplay and rhyming. Kids do it all the time with hand games and jump rope rhymes. These kinds of songs aren't always following a set structure and seem to evolve over time. The thing to remember is that people are expressing themselves and entertaining each other. We are all human and that means we are all creative. You may have a song in your heart that doesn't follow a certain pattern. Write it anyway!

Here's a great example of a hand clapping game that has an awesome song:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5K-FpmUUc7U>,

Rap: Rapping is an artform all to itself and we could spend the next five years trying to get to the bottom of it. For now, let's consider a few important elements in rap and rapping.

Resources to help you get started:

Wordplay in rap - stop at 6:40!

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c_yiazeGrAc

It's important to learn how to count bars and here's a short video to show you how:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5C3VRiYIRjE&list=RDCMUC3pOGQt9VFQjO0MtAFieWog&index=3>,

This expert also knows a lot about writing raps:

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fFPGXmJqLWc&list=RDCMUC3pOGQt9VFQjO0MtAFieWog&start_radio=1&rv=fFPGXmJqLWc&t=41

When writing rap, it is very helpful to have a strong vocabulary. Learn more here:

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wuKH2kqd_K0

Here are a few examples of great rapping and high-level creativity:

Eric B. And Rakim - I ain't no joke

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2TN-kDEKxF0>

Queen Latifah + Monie Love - Ladies First

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Qimg_q7LbQ

Boogie Down Productions - My Philosophy

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h1vKOchATXs>