

## SELECTING YOUR LYRICS FOR

### WRITING #5 - HIP-HOP/RAP ANALYSIS

Choose a text for analysis – be sure to know who **WROTE** it/should be the artist (or one of them if in a group)

1. Find a rap/hip-hop song that is word-filled and text-rich
2. Listen to it – LOTS of times – \*watch the video if you want
3. Locate the lyrics – get *really* familiar with them
4. Be sure to pick a text that “says something” – something meaningful NOT just something obscene
5. You do not have to censor profanity from your lyrics but can if you prefer

#### Tech Steps:

1. Open your Dropbox – and go to your DRAFTS folder.
2. Choose CREATE NEW FILE & start a new WORD document.
3. Open another tab and Google your lyrics
4. Copy (highlight the text and ctrl+c) the lyrics
5. Return to your Word doc and Paste (ctrl+v) the lyrics onto the page
6. If the chorus of the song repeats itself a lot of times, you can delete a few of them
7. It is also okay to adjust the spacing to make it fit on the page better (but keep it looking like poetry rather than prose)
8. Make sure the name of the song and artist/writer is at the top of your page
9. Title the doc YourlastnameLyrics(not literally – replace that with YOUR last name)
10. Leave this doc in your Drafts folder – we will be working with them IN CLASS
11. DO NOT share the document. I already have access to your folders so that is an unnecessary step.

