

Hip-Hop: Beyond Beats & Rhymes

Define the following words and phrases before viewing video:

- thug
- misogynistic
- homophobic
- collective imagination
- reclaiming energy
- frailty
- hyper-masculine posturing
- commercially viable
- homoeroticism
- denigrate
- fronting
- caricature
- subservient

1. What does it mean to be a man according to many hip-hop lyrics?
2. Why do men feel the need to be so tough and hard?
3. Where was hip-hop created?
4. What kind of power does hip-hop glorify?
5. What other kinds of power are there, and why do those men not need to posture?
6. What does the movie say about who men pick their fights with and who they don't pick their fights with?
7. What does it mean to sound (or be) de-sensitized to violence?
8. What does the film say about why women are portrayed in a degrading way?
9. What does the film say about where the degrading message about women came from?
10. What is the taboo about homosexuality in hip-hop?
11. What kind of topics do the rappers say will get a deal?
12. What roles does the media want rappers to represent?
13. What happened at the same time as gangster rap became the main rap product?