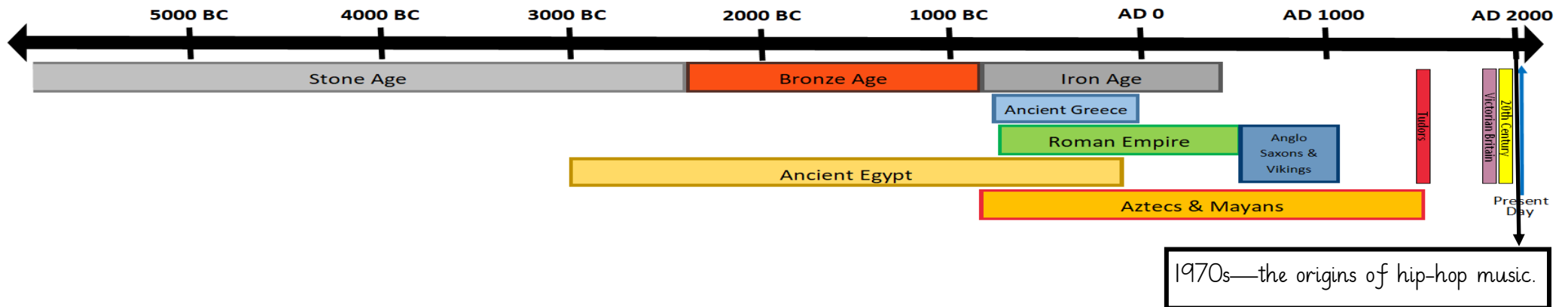


Hip-hop Music

Hip-hop music is a vibrant and influential genre that originated in the African American and Latino communities of the South Bronx, New York City, during the 1970s. It is characterized by its rhythmic and poetic expression, blending elements of rap, DJing, graffiti art and breakdancing.

Hip-hop music has become a powerful platform for social commentary, addressing issues such as inequality, racism, poverty and urban life experiences. It has also crossed geographical and cultural boundaries, becoming a global phenomenon and influencing various musical genres and artistic expressions worldwide.

Hip-hop's impact extends beyond the music industry, shaping fashion, language, dance, and overall youth culture. Its ability to evolve and adapt to different eras and regions has allowed it to remain relevant and continue to influence generations of artists and listeners worldwide.



Key vocabulary Definition

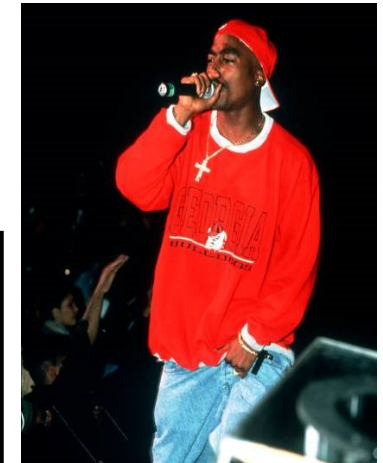
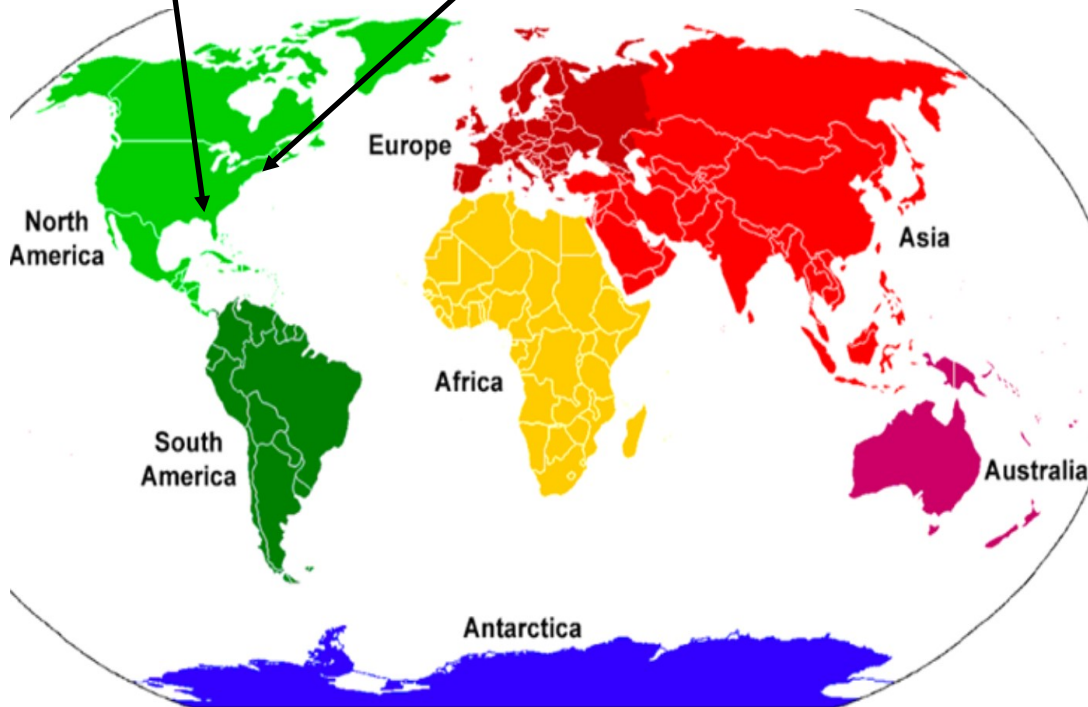
- beat** the rhythmic pattern or instrumental track that forms the foundation of a hip-hop song
- flow** the unique way a rapper delivers their lyrics with a specific rhythm and cadence. A smooth flow enhances the overall performance
- hook** a catchy and memorable line or melody in a song that is often repeated, making it the most memorable part of the track
- sample** a portion of an existing song or sound that is reused in a new hip-hop track. Producers often use samples to create unique beats.

Tempo

In hip-hop music, beats per minute (BPM) is the tempo or speed of a song. BPM varies across regions. In the East Coast of the USA, hip-hop tends to be faster (100-120BPMs), creating a lively and energetic vibe. Conversely, in the South, BPMs are often slower (80BPMs), contributing to a more laid-back and groovy style. These regional BPM differences reflect the diverse influences and cultures within hip-hop music.

By the mid-1990s, hip-hop music grew in popularity in the Southern United States.

New York City, USA The birthplace of hip-hop in the 1970s and the hometown of Grandmaster Flash and the Furious Five, Run-D.M.C. and Tupac Shakur.



Famous Hip Hop Artists

Grandmaster Flash and the Furious Five: Pioneers of hip-hop, they were one of the earliest groups to gain mainstream success. Their song "The Message" (1982) is an influential track that brought social and political consciousness to hip-hop, addressing issues such as poverty and urban life.

Run-D.M.C.: This group was instrumental in popularizing hip-hop in the 1980s and played a significant role in bridging the gap between hip-hop and rock music. Their collaboration with Aerosmith on "Walk This Way" brought hip-hop to a broader audience.

Tupac Shakur: A highly influential figure in hip-hop and popular culture, Tupac's emotional lyrics touched on topics like racism, poverty, and inequality.

