

Lesson 9

The Media

Activity 7

Videos Today and Yesterday

Compare and contrast the themes, messages, and illustrative language of early rap and today's rap (e.g., social justice, equality, depiction of women, etc.). Do you agree that these characteristics have changed over the years? Why or why not? And if you think they have changed, in what ways?

Suggested early rap songs to research: "The Message" by Grandmaster Flash (1982), "Fight the Power" by Public Enemy (1989), "Self Destruction" by Stop The Violence Movement (1989), and "UNITY" by Queen Latifah (1993).