



DO THE RIGHT THING



RAP LYRICS ON TRIAL





INTRODUCTION

TODAY, WE WILL:



Consider rap lyrics being used in court



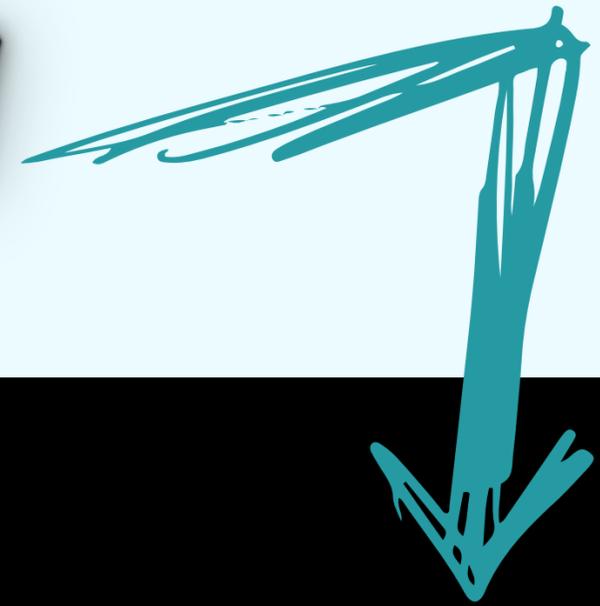
Explore Young Thug's trial



Discuss positive legal efforts from Jay-Z and Meek Mill



SEL CONNECTION



Today, we will practice **social awareness** by considering laws, policies and court rulings **responsible decision making** through analyzing rappers' lyrics





ICEBREAKER

INTRODUCTION TO RAP LYRICS IN COURT



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Evidence: the available body of facts or information indicating whether a belief or proposition is true or valid.

RICO Case: The Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO) of 1970 seeks to strengthen the legal tools in evidence gathering by establishing new penal prohibitions and providing enhanced sanctions and new remedies for dealing with the unlawful activities of those engaged in organized crime.

Indictment: a formal charge or accusation of a serious crime.

First Amendment: prohibits any law limiting freedom with respect to religion, expression, peaceful assembly, or the right of citizens to petition the government.

Self-incriminating: making a statement that accuses oneself of a criminal offense that may lead to criminal prosecution now or in the future.





INTRODUCTION TO RAP LYRICS IN COURT

- What do you know about Young Thug and Gunna?
- What do you know about the Young Thug court case?
- What does it mean to use rap lyrics in court as evidence for a conviction?



ICEBREAKER



WATCH A VIDEO

RAP LYRICS IN COURT

1) Watch the video.

2) Reflect and discuss:

- What are your immediate reactions to the news clip?
- What information was left out that you know of?
- What is surprising or upsetting to you?
- What are you wondering about after watching the clip?





LESSON PART ONE

BUILDING CONTEXT: RAP LYRICS ON TRIAL



LESSON: PART ONE



RAP LYRICS ON TRIAL





RAP LYRICS ON TRIAL

In groups, explore the following:

Rap Lyrics on Trial

Rap Music on Trial: Jay-Z, Meek Mill want rap lyrics blocked from being used in court

This Rap Song Helped Sentence a 17-Year-Old to Prison for Life

Putting Rap Lyrics on Trial is a Violation of Free Speech





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REFLECT & DISCUSS

- Give a brief summary of what you read.
- Do you agree or disagree with what you read in the article?
- How does your article relate to the Young Thug court case?
- Has your opinion shifted at all while reading the article?
- What did the article make you wonder about?





LESSON PART TWO

SHOULD RAP LYRICS BE USED IN TRIAL?



LESSON: PART TWO

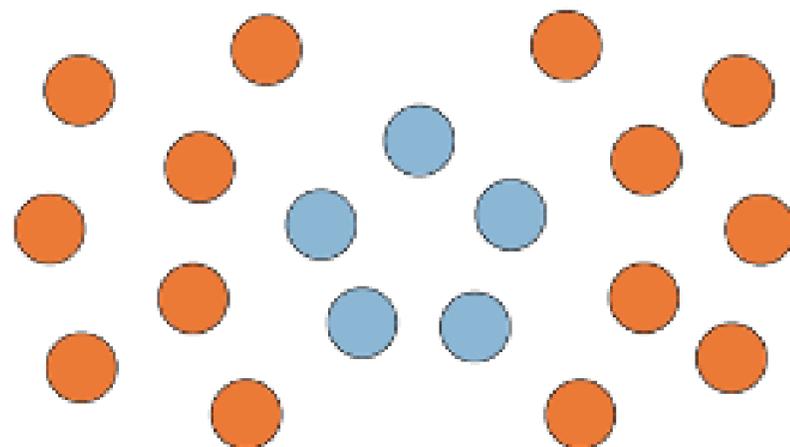


TALK ABOUT IT

FISHBOWL DISCUSSION

FISHBOWL

Students in the fishbowl discuss the topic or reading at hand.



Students outside the fishbowl observe and reflect on the discussion.

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What is a fishbowl discussion?

- inner circle is talking
- outer circle is listening
- allows for multiple perspectives



LESSON: PART TWO



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Do you think rap lyrics should be used in court? Why or why not?
- What are your thoughts on the Young Thug court case?
- Is using rap lyrics in court a violation of the first amendment?
- Can you separate the art from the artist?
- How do we hold people accountable for their speech and actions?

SENTENCE STEMS

- I agree with _____ because _____.
- I disagree with _____ because _____.
- This makes me think about _____.
- I can connect this to _____.
- I wonder _____.





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REFLECT & DISCUSS

- What have you realized about rap lyrics being used in court?
- Has your opinion changed after hearing others' perspectives?
- What would you recommend to rappers writing lyrics about their personal lives?
- What have you realized about courts or trials?

