

# Create Your Own: RAP

*Remember that music that is called “rap” and “hip-hop” isn’t always profanity-filled and talking about “life in the hood”. It is only a musical and lyrical representation of things that have happened in life. Only within the last 15 years has “rap” come to mean something that adults seem to want to censor. This wasn’t always the case!!*

*Rap is a musical genre that has always had an amazing sense of language: rhythm and poetic devices. Because of the lack of actual music (unlike most other musical styles) all rap had to go on was the words. No matter the age of rap, rhyming is always the KEY!!*

*When you read through these two incredibly-popular rap songs, look at the language and see what poetic devices have been used.*

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## ***Will Smith – Men In Black (1997)***

The good guys dress in black remember that  
Just in case we ever face to face and make contact  
The title held by me -- M.I.B.  
Means what you think you saw, you did not see  
So don't blink be what was there  
is now gone, black suit with the black Ray Ban's on  
Walk in shadow, move in silence  
Guard against extra-terrestrial violence  
But yo we ain't on no government list  
We straight don't exist, no names and no fingerprints  
Saw somethin strange, watch your back  
Cause you never quite know where the M.I.B.'s is at  
Uh and...

Here come the Men in Black (Men in Blaiaaack)  
The galaxy defenders  
Here come the Men in Black (Men in Blaiaaack)  
They won't let you remember (ohhhh nooooo)

Uh uh, uh uh, now  
from the deepest of the darkest of night  
on the horizon, bright light enters sight tight  
Cameras zoom, on the impending doom  
But then like BOOM black suits fill the room up  
With the quickness talk with the witnesses  
Hypnotizer, neutralizer  
Vivid memories turn to fantasies  
Ain't no M.I.B.'s, can I please  
do what we say that's the way we kick it  
Yaknahmean? I see my noisy cricket get wicked on ya  
We're your first, last and only line of defence  
against the worst scum of the universe  
So don't fear us, cheer us  
If you ever get near us, don't jeer us, we're the fearless  
M.I.B.'s, freezin' up all the flack  
(What's that stand for?) Men In Black

Let me see ya just bounce it with me, just bounce with me  
Just bounce it with me c'mon  
Let me see ya just slide with me, just slide with me  
Just slide with me c'mon  
Let me see ya take a walk with me, just walk it with me  
Take a walk with me c'mon  
And make your neck work  
Now freeze...

Here come the Men in Black (Men in Blaiaaack)  
The galaxy defenders  
Right on, right on  
Here come the Men in Black (Men in Blaiaaack)  
They won't let you remember (ohhhh nooooo)

Alright check it, let me tell you this in closin  
I know we might seem imposin  
But trust me if we ever show in your section  
Believe me, it's for your own protection  
Cause we see things that you need not see  
And we be places that you need not be  
So go witch a life, forget that Roswell crap  
Show love to the black suit, cause that's the Men in  
That's the Men in...

Here come the Men in Black (here they comeeeee)  
The galaxy defenders (ga-la-xy de-fenders)  
Here come the Men in Black (ohhhh here they come)  
They won't let you remember (won't, let you, rememberrrr)  
Here come the Men in Black (ohhhh here they come)  
Galaxy defenders (ohh ohh, ohh ohh, ohh ohh)  
Here come the Men in Black  
They won't let you remember

## ***Young MC – Bust A Move (1989)***

This here's a jam for all the fellas  
Tryin' to do what those ladies tell us  
Get shot down 'cause ya over-zealous  
Play hard to get females get jealous  
Okay smarty go to a party  
Girls are scantily clad and showin' body  
A chick walks by you wish you could sex her  
But you're standing on the wall like you was Poindexter

Next days function high class luncheon  
Food they're serving, you're stone-cold munchin'  
Music comes on people start to dance  
But then you ate so much you nearly split your pants  
A girl starts walking guys start gawking  
Sits down next to you and starts talking  
Says she wants to dance 'cause she likes to groove  
So come on fatso and just bust a move

You're on a mission and your wishin'  
Someone could cure your lonely condition  
Lookin' for love in all the wrong places  
No fine girls just ugly faces  
Some frustration first inclination  
Is to become a monk and leave the situation  
But every dark tunnel has a light of hope  
So don't hang yourself, with a celibate rope

Your movie's showin', so you're goin'  
Could care less about the five you're blowin'  
Theater gets dark just to start the show  
Then ya spot a fine woman sittin' in your row  
She's dressed in yellow, she says  
?Hello, come sit next to me you fine fellow?  
You run over there without a second to lose  
And what comes next hey bust a move

In this city ladies look pretty  
Guys tell jokes so they can seem witty  
Tell a funny joke just to get some play  
Then you try to make a move and she says, "No way"  
Girls are fakin' goodness sakin'  
They want the man who brings home the bacon  
Got no money and you got no car  
Then you got no women and there you are

Some girls are sadistic, materialistic  
Lookin' for a man makes them opportunistic  
They're lyin' on a beach perpetrating a tan  
So a brother with the money can be their man  
So on the beach you're strollin' real high rollin'  
Everything you have is yours and not stolen  
A girl runs up with somethin' to prove  
So don't just stand there bust a move

Your best friend Harry has a brother Larry  
In five days from now he's gonna marry  
He's hopin' you can make it there if you can  
'Cause in the ceremony you'll be the best man  
You say neat-O, check your libido  
And roll to the church in your new tuxedo  
The bride walks down just to start the wedding  
And there's one more girl you won't be getting

So you start thinkin' then you start blinking  
The bridesmaid looks and thinks that you're winking  
She thinks your kinda cute so she winks back  
And now your feelin' really firm 'cause the girl is stacked  
Reception's jumpin' faces pumpin'  
You look at the girl and your heart starts thumpin'  
Says she wants to dance to a different groove  
Now you know what to do just bust a move

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## ***Your RAP: The Assignment***

- ***Your rap MUST have:***
  - ***6 stanzas of 4 lines (24 lines)***
  - ***4 poetic devices***
    - ***Only ONE can be either a simile or a metaphor***
  - ***Follow the A-A-B-B rhyme scheme***

***Your rap can be about anything that you'd like, but it may not contain violence, swearing or anything that isn't "school appropriate."***