

student activity 1

Name _____ Date _____

My Mixtape

It's your turn to be the DJ! Choose 10 songs of any musical style that tell your life story. Then, in 1 – 2 sentences explain why you picked it.

Track #	Song Title & Artists	Why did you pick this song for your life story?
1		
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What is the title of your mixtape? _____

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Final Product Brainstorm

Now, it's time to bring your mixtape to life. Read through the three hip hop elements below and choose one for your final presentation. Follow the prompts to help you create your story.

Option 1: Emceeing

Create a beat and recite/rap lyrics from your mixtape songs over the beats. You can perform an entire song or a portion.

Consider the following:

- Which song will you choose? Why?
- What part of your story does it represent?
- Which lyrics will you choose? Why?
- Which sounds will you use in your beat (example: kick drum, snare, closed hi-hat, etc.)?

Tools: Splice Beatmaker, an online tool offers free accounts where you can save your work.

Notes: _____

Option 2: Breaking/B-boying or B-girling

Create choreography to accompany one of the songs. You may choose to dance to the entire song or for a portion.

Consider the following:

- Which song will you choose to create choreography? Why?
- Your choreography should represent the style of music being used.
- What part of your story do you want to show? Be sure to include emotion and a beginning, middle and end.
- Which part of the song will you create choreography to? Note the timestamps.

Notes: _____

Option 3: Graffiti Art

Create an album cover online or by hand for your mixtape. You can choose to mimic graffiti art like *Paige in Full*, or you can choose fonts and graphics representing your musical style(s) and your story.

Consider the following:

- Why did you choose the font(s) and graphics used for your cover?
- Do the colors have any importance? Why?

Tools: Canva, an online tool offers free accounts where you can save and download your work.

Notes: _____

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Final Product Brainstorm: Graffiti Art Worksheet

Optional: Use the space below to sketch or design your final mixtape cover

Example: *Paige in Full*



Your turn! (note: while your canvas doesn't have to be a rectangle, before Spotify playlists and cds, mixtapes were recorded onto cassette tapes that were 2.5in x 3.7in!)