

Create A Song or Rap

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25 points possible

In this project you need to begin by doing research, using your text book, the internet, library reference books, or whatever other method you have available to you, on the important inventions and developments of the middle and later nineteenth century. A good starting point would be textbook chapter 22, sections 1 & 2. Your research notes must include details on at least 15 inventions and developments, including things like the telegraph and the transcontinental railroad.

The next part of the assignment is to put that knowledge into a song or rap that tells about the changes American culture underwent during that era. Your song or rap must have at least two verses and a chorus of sufficient length and detail to discuss in detail **at least** 10 of the inventions/developments (less than 10 = incomplete = no points). The details might include the inventors' names, causes, effects, years invented, etc. Write the song/rap out, practice it until you know it by heart, and then perform it for the teacher and your wagon train group to receive mileage points.

Scoring Rubric

Neatly written out (and page formatted) lyrics, including at least two verses and chorus.

0-10 pts. _____

Performance by heart – overall entertainment level (well performed, clear, creative, good rhythm & rhyme).

0-5 pts. _____

Notes and final product demonstrate learning from the research and knowledge of the era.

0-10 pts. _____

Final Score _____/25