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1970s	1980s	1990s	2000s-Now
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Impressing women. ○ Violence against women. ○ All races included. ○ To be part of the media ○ Objectifying women ○ Community ○ Peace ○ Staying away from violence ○ Staying away from corruption of black on black violence, drugs, guns. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Racial equality ○ Unemployment ○ Poverty ○ War ○ Searching for justice ○ Showing growth & strength of black community ○ Independence ○ Work hard, little money ○ (limited opportunity) - Forced into a certain lifestyle (devious things on the street) but want to do what they enjoy (like rapping). ○ Racial inequality: Black music being stolen – symbolic of a stolen identity. ○ Not being recognized by society ○ Struggle in urban areas ○ crime 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ history of segregation is still being discussed/relevant ○ want new ways to “stand up for themselves” – music can be that way. ○ Violence ○ Lack of trust between blacks. ○ Lack of trust between American and blacks. ○ Rapping/music industry needs to be and is being taken more seriously. ○ About “making it” and following dreams. ○ Blacks have become more prominent ○ Americans made blacks into criminals – created this image. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Struggle (with drugs, violence) ○ Violence ○ Grief: honoring those who have died. ○ Worked from challenges/struggle to gain more acceptance in society ○ How to get discovered. ○ Materialism: success ○ Remembering where you come from, originate from. ○ Lack of equal opportunities leads people to crime. ○ Gaining fame & recognition.