

## Assignment E: Rap Song

Assignment: Write a rap song to describe the important events in the book. Remember that a good rap song uses some poetic conventions and a lot of rhythm, but the heart of the rap is telling a story. (If you want to hear a good example of a rap song, download the song “Kenji” by Fort Minor, a song about a Japanese-American family’s experiences during World War II.)

Where do I start?

1. List the important characters, setting(s), and events from the book that you want to include in the song.
2. Write out the story that you want to tell. Be sure to use descriptive language in showing the major characters, setting, and events.
3. Put the story in the form of a rap. (You can choose a tune or rhythm from another song.) Be sure to adapt your language to make your song fit with the rhythms and to make it sound good. (Rappers often use poetic conventions like assonance and alliteration, for example.)