



Factors that influenced its inception	Significant artists/bands/producers	Important recordings/performances/events
<p>1970s: Took ideas from MCs toasting in Jamaican dancehalls</p> <p>1980s: Transformed into DJs playing tracks on beatboxes with MCs hosting these Bloc parties in the Bronx, NY</p> <p>1990s: Gangsta Rap, East & West Coast rivalry.</p> <p>2000s: Technological advances meaning that all samplers, sequencers & sound modules are all now combined into computer programmes – effects and processors are common features</p> <p>Style became more commercial & accepted.</p> <p>2010s: Internet and home-grown videos take force with a return to an underground scene, particularly focused around gang culture.</p>	<p>DJ Kool Herc & Afrika Bambaataa: pioneers of the hip-hop style, they were credited with bringing a more positive attitude to life in the Bronx.</p> <p>Grandmaster Flash & Grand Wizzard Theodore: introduced the idea of scratching.</p> <p>Sugar Hill Records: specialist producers in rap music, producing the first commercial hip-hop hit.</p> <p>N.W.A: themes of urban crime, developing the Gangsta rap sub-genre – leading into East-West coast rivalries between Dr Dre & Snoop Doggy Dogg and Puff Daddy & Notorious B.I.G.</p> <p>Eminem: rapper & record producer</p> <p>Black Eyed Peas: specialist producers in rap music, producing the first commercial hip-hop hit.</p> <p>Stormzy: the voice of young British black youth, bringing politics into his music.</p>	<p>'Rapper's Delight', Sugar Hill Gang: The 1st commercial hip-hop hit.</p> <p>'The Message', Grandmaster Flash & The Furious Five: A no-holes-barred depiction of ghetto life.</p> <p>'Walk this Way', Run-DMC: cross-over track, cover of Aerosmith, bringing hip-hop into mainstream view.</p> <p>'F***k the Police', Sugar Hill Gang: The 1st commercial hip-hop hit.</p> <p>'I'll be missing You', Puff Daddy: reaction to the murder of Notorious B.I.G</p> <p>'Gold Digger', Kanye West: 80,000 digital downloads in a week</p> <p>'My name is', Eminem: quickly became one of rap's biggest star's</p>

Imagery & fashion associated with the style



What message, ideas about Hip-Hop do these images put across?

Musical Features

Rhythm & Metre: 4/4; Straight (not swung); Syncopation; Backbeat

Harmony & Tonality: Major/Minor; Riff based; Consonant harmony (no clashes)

Texture & Melody: Samples; Loops (backing is very repetitive); Disco samples usually have a thick texture; Drumbeat samples can be thin texture

Timbre & Dynamics: DJs and Turntablism; scratching; MCs/Rappers; 70s Disco instrumentation (elec gtr, bass, strings, synths); Prominent Bass line and Drum beat; Effects processors: reverb, delay, auto tune, vocoder, EQ filtering.

Structure: Intro, verse, chorus; Breakbeat (instrumental backing): Call and Response phrases.