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#### **INTRODUCTION**

This study investigates the use of Hip-hop pedagogies in Singapore primary music classroom. With the growing popularity of Hip-hop music, students are exposed to Hip-hop music and some might have an interest for it.

As Hip-hop music also has rich educational opportunities to learn musical concepts, engage in social issue discussions and facilitate students' creativity, Hip-hop pedagogies should be introduced into Singapore's music classroom for students to develop their awareness and appreciation of Hip-hop music, as well as their ability for creative expression.



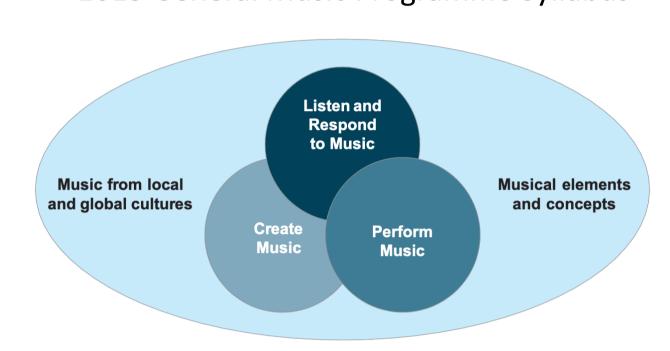
#### **RESEARCH QUESTION**

What are some Hip-hop pedagogies that are suitable for Singapore Primary music classroom?

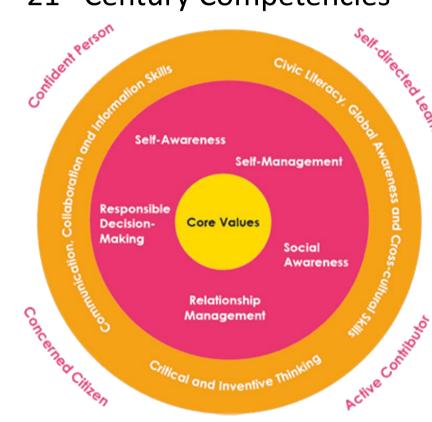
How can the selected pedagogies be adapted for Singapore's context?

#### SINGAPORE MUSIC EDUCATION

2015 General Music Programme Syllabus



#### 21st Century Competencies



#### METHODLOGY

The search engine on National Institute of Education (NIE) libris website and google scholar were used to search for relevant articles regarding Hip-hop and music education. 8 articles were obtained from different databases such as SAGE, JSTOR and EBSCO.

### **FINDINGS**

Approaches to Hip-hop pedagogies

- Appreciating Hip-hop music
- Composing Hip-hop music and rap lyrics
- Performing with Hip-hop music

### **DISCUSSION**

21st Century Competncies	Hip-hop music appreciation	Composing Hip-hop music and rap lyrics	Performing with Hip-hop music
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### **Lesson ideas for Primary Music class:**

# APPRECIATING HIP-HOP MUSIC

- Listen and analyse to 'I Can' by Nas.
- Include teaching strategy "Hear, Think, Wonder" for critical listening and thinking.
- Discuss African American culture and relate it to socialpolitical issues in Singapore such as race, gender and mental health.

## COMPOSING HIP-HOP MUSIC AND RAP LYRICS

- Composing a 2-bar melody ostinato, layer it with harmony and drum loop to give texture to the music.
- Incorporate musical features such as tempo and dynamics into composition.
- Compose rap lyrics related to local community such as Singapore, school, family or friends, to rap along with the hip-hop music created

## PERFORMING WITH HIP-HOP MUSIC

- Perform rap with originally composed hip-hop music or samples in groups or individual setting.
- Students to give constructive feedback to peers by telling the performer "what was done well?", "what could have done better?", "What was not so well done?".
- Creating and performing movements inspired from breakdancing with hip-hop music.