

Answer the questions about the following reading selection.

Hip Hop Music

Hip-hop music was created in The Bronx in the late 1970s. Starting out as party music played by local DJs during neighborhood parties. The DJs performing began experimenting with different arrangements of the songs they were playing by mixing different pieces of the music together. Soon rapping was added, and DJs began arranging the beats so that rappers could easily find a rhythm to speak in time with. Rappers often wrote lyrics that told about things they had experienced in their own lives. With the addition of rapping, hip-hop became an artistic outlet for African Americans, a new way for them to tell their stories. From there, hip-hop evolved from just music to an entire lifestyle. Hip-hop also served as a response to disco, a dance music craze at the time. Disco was all about wealth and status, but hip-hop emphasized reality and community. Hip-hop music and culture became a way for the musicians and listeners to deal with the hardships of city life.

What? –

Where? –

When? –

Who? –

Why? –

How? –

