READING COMPREHENSION WORKSHEET

The Beginning of Hip-Hop in the Bronx in the 1970s

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Part 1: Vocabulary Match

Instructions: Match the words from the reading on the left with their correct meaning on the right. Write the correct letter in the blank space.

VOCABULARY WORD	MEANING
1. ___ **Breakbeat**	**a.** A street party in a neighborhood.
2. ___ **Block party**	**b.** Moving a vinyl record back and forth by hand.
3. ___ **Scratching**	**c.** Young street dancers who perform acrobatic moves.
4. ___ **B-Boys & B-Girls**	**d.** Repeating the drum part of a song over and over.
5. ___ **Graffiti**	**e.** Colorful art made with spray paint on walls and trains.

Part 2: True or False?

Instructions: Read the sentences carefully based on the text. Circle **True** if the sentence is correct, or **False** if it is incorrect.

STATEMENT	TRUE	FALSE
1. Hip-hop's official birthday is August 11, 1973.	**True**	**False**
2. DJ Kool Herc used three guitars and a piano to create the breakbeat.	**True**	**False**
3. At the beginning, MCs only sang slow romantic songs.	**True**	**False**
4. The Gang Peace Treaty of 1971 helped young people travel safely to parties.	**True**	**False**
5. Young people in the Bronx had a lot of money to buy expensive musical instruments.	**True**	**False**

Part 3: Short Answer Questions

Instructions: Answer the following questions in 1 or 2 short sentences using information from the text.

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1. **Where did DJ Kool Herc organize the first hip-hop party?**

2. **What are the "Four Pillars" (main elements) of hip-hop culture?**

3. **Why did young people use things like cardboard boxes, spray paint, and old records to create this culture?**

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