

CONTACT HIGH

A VISUAL HISTORY
OF **HIP-HOP**

FAMILY
ACTIVITY
GUIDE

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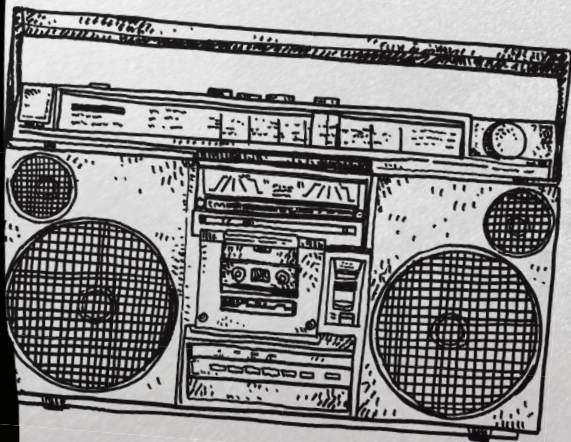
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The exhibition - *CONTACT HIGH: A Visual History of Hip-Hop* - explores hip-hop history by examining the raw, unedited contact sheets from photographers who took part in showcasing the visual culture of the music before it became popular worldwide. Explore the Photo Space to find legendary photo shoots from more than 60 photographers and get a deeper sense of their experience by studying the contact sheets which include all of the images they took before choosing a single, best photograph.

Complete this guide with a friend or family member to learn more about the history of hip-hop.



PLACES & SPACES

A place or space is more than just a spot or area, it is about the feeling you get when you are there and what you remember about it when you leave. A lot of hip-hop artists write songs that talk about places that are important to them, such as the cities and neighborhoods where they grew up. In this activity, add your own words to parts of this RUN-DMC song "Christmas In Hollis," a song about what it was like spending Christmas in their hometown of Queens, New York.

Complete the rap below by filling in the blanks and have fun!

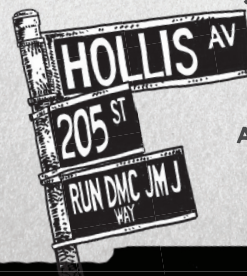
Christmas time in (your hometown)
 Mom's cooking (food) and (food)
 (food) and (food), macaroni and cheese
 And Santa put (noun) under Christmas trees

Decorate the house with (noun) at night
 's (noun) on the ground, snow white so bright
 In the fireplace is the (noun)
 Beneath the mistletoe as we drink eggnog

The rhymes you hear
 are the rhymes of (a friend's name)
 But each and every year we bust carols (a holiday)

Rhymes so loud and proud you hear it
 It's Christmastime and we got the (noun)
 Jack Frost chillin', the is out (a food)
 And that's what Christmas is all about

The time is now, the place is here
 And the (a place) is filled with cheer



EVERYDAY PEOPLE

The phrase “everyday people” means people just like you and me. So whether you’re famous or not, we are all special and unique. The photographs in this section were taken during the beginning of the careers of these hip-hop artists. In these photos, the artists worked with the photographers to show who they were, what was important to them, and who they wanted to become. Look at Jamil GS’ photos of Jay-Z during his first-ever photo shoot as an example. Can you tell what he thought was important or special about himself back then, just by looking at these images?

If you were in a photo shoot, what would you want photographed with you? In this activity, we want you to think about what’s important to you and draw them in the squares below.

Favorite activity	Favorite food
Favorite animal	Favorite person

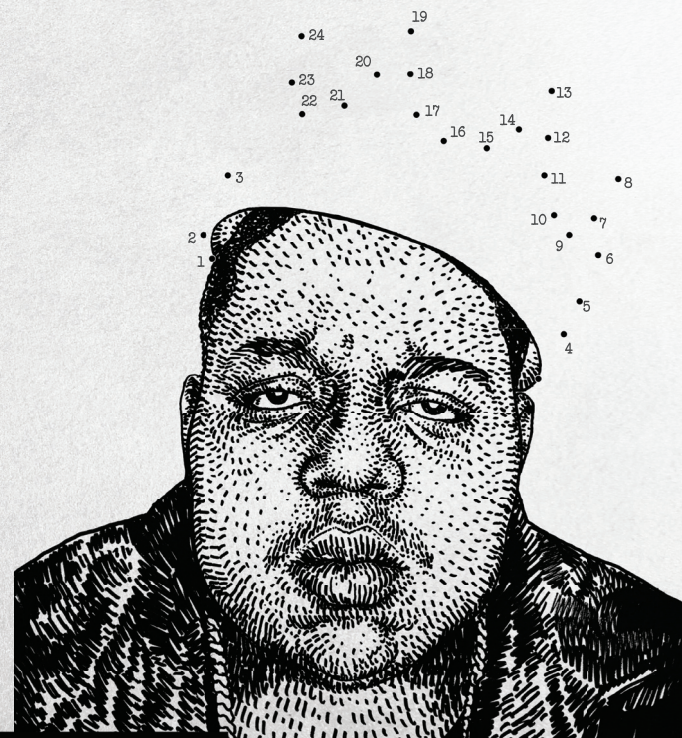
MADE YOU LOOK & THE INFAMOUS

Did you know that not all hip-hop is rap and not all rap is hip-hop?

Some of the greatest hip-hop music has no rapping in it at all and sometimes music that isn’t hip-hop (like disco or pop) does. There’s more to hip-hop than you think. Look at the photographs closely, pay attention to the surroundings, and think about what you see and what it represents.

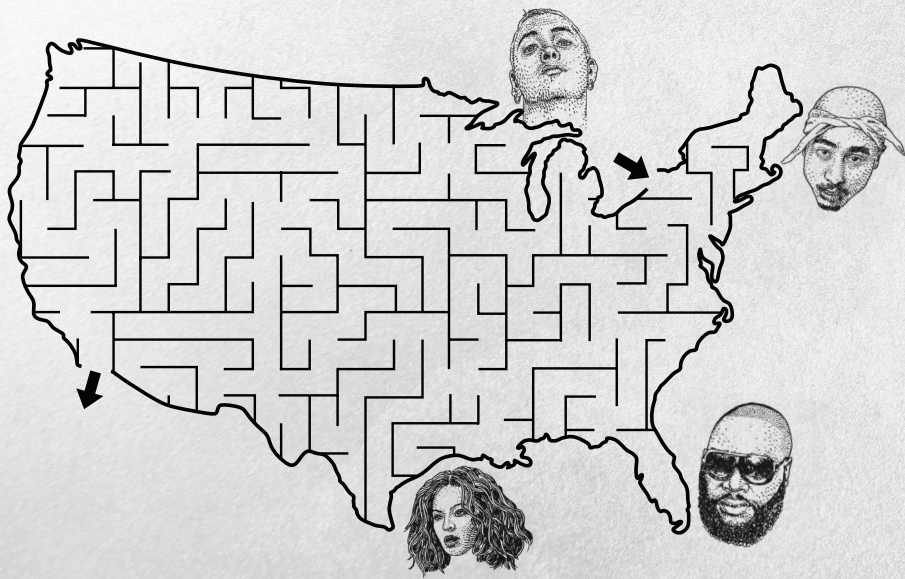
Notorious B.I.G. (aka Biggie Smalls) was a rapper/hip-hop artist who was photographed with a crown to represent that he was the “King of New York.” “Notorious” and “infamous” both mean the same thing: “well-known, but not in a good way.” Biggie chose the word “notorious” as part of his stage name because he was known for being rebellious even before he started making music.

Connect the dots to complete Biggie’s crown, then find the photo in the exhibit for a closer look.



CALIFORNIA LOVE & BEYOND

Tupac (or, 2Pac) was a rapper/hip-hop artist who was raised in New York, but moved to California with his family. "California Love" is a song by 2Pac that celebrates the California hip-hop lifestyle. As you help 2Pac get to California in the maze below, take a look at some of the other hip-hop legends you pass as you travel through their hometowns of Detroit, Miami, and Houston.



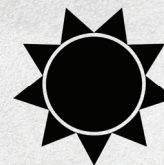
THIS IS AMERICA

Hip-hop is a genre of music that was created in America and represents American culture around the world. Rap is usually found in hip-hop and can be any kind of speaking/rhyming/poetry that is usually paired with music. Can you bust a rhyme? Let's try!

Look at the first picture in each row, then draw a circle around the picture that rhymes with it.



Flag



Sun



Jog



Bag



Stars



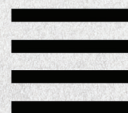
Tag



Man



Cars



Stripes



Cave



Jet



Pipes