



**One, Two, Three...RAP! is an association that provides academic support with an objective to motivate young people to learn English through American Hip Hop music and culture.**

**The association:**

One, Two, Three ... RAP! was created in September 2012 by a group of young English speaking graduates, who share a common passion for Hip Hop. The association rests upon values such as volunteering, sharing of knowledge and grassroots education. The effort and energy of each member contribute to the development of our project.

**Our mission:**

English has become an essential asset in today's job market. Unfortunately, the youth of France appears to be lacking in this respect due to the inability of traditional teaching methods to get young people excited about English. Also, while certain families can afford to pay for private tutoring and exchange programs, others are denied this opportunity. For these reasons, we have decided to act on a voluntary basis by providing free English workshops to young people in disadvantaged neighborhoods using a fun, interactive and unique teaching method. We believe that motivation is the key to learning, which is why our main teaching tool is something young people can truly relate to: Hip Hop!

**Program:**

Once a week, for a period of 6 to 8 months, our workshops will provide a regular dose of American culture and language. The program is divided into 3 stages: Translation, Writing and Recording.

1. Teachers and participants pick a relevant Hip Hop song to translate each week. Also we study the cultural, social and geographical context behind each song. Every session will include a short biographical presentation of the Hip Hop artist by one of the participants.
2. Participants will learn writing techniques and various forms of oral expression (rhymes, rhythm, syntax, grammar and pronunciation).
3. Our association will provide the opportunity for participants to record their own song upon completion of the program.

**Goals:**

Our goals are twofold: providing motivation and helping participants gain self-confidence. Through the use of Hip Hop we hope to motivate young people to learn English. Through frequent oral expression within the confines of a relaxed and friendly environment, we aim to boost their self-confidence.

