

Rapper's Delight

A workshop on rap and rhyme with Khodi Dill, author of *Welcome to the Cypher*, for FOLD Kids!

Welcome one and all! Thanks for joining me. Today, I hope you'll find what I have found: that rappin' is a *delight!* In rap, **Rhythm And Poetry** mix to make fun, creativity, and freedom of expression come alive. To quote a line from *Welcome to the Cypher*, in order to get started, "All you need is a beat and your soul's poetry!" So dive in and dig deep with author Khodi Dill to create your own rhymes.

BARS!! BARS!! BARS!!

Use the spaces below to try out your rhyming skills. Try and keep a fairly consistent number of syllables per line, and try to make the end of every second line rhyme with the end of the line above it.

*Just wait for Khodi to give the green light before you complete the first section.

Stanza 1: Write about who you are.

My name is _____ and I _____

I'm from _____ where _____

My favourite _____ is _____

But I'll never _____

*Please wait for Khodi to say go before you start the next section too. If you're done early, create a small sketch that represents you or your identity below.

Stanza 2: Write about something that makes you feel _____.

You know I feel best when I _____

It's kinda like _____

I like it when _____

That's why _____

*Again, please wait for Khodi to say go before you start the next section. If you like, create a small sketch that sums up the previous stanza.

Stanza 3: Write about something that makes you feel _____.

I kinda feel _____ when _____

I'd rather _____

I don't wanna _____

Because _____

*Whenever you can, make your mark with the final stanza! Write about the topic(s) of your choice.

Some options for what to write about are provided here:

You friends/your crew

Your family or people who support you

Your role models

Your goals for school or in life

Your beliefs or values

More about your passion(s)

Your school or community

Your hopes for the world

Stanza 4: Last one. Write about whatever you want! Total free reign here.

Congratulations!!!! Writing 16 Bars makes you an official emcee!

Now, go write some more verses, and maybe a catchy hook too. Happy rappin', y'all!