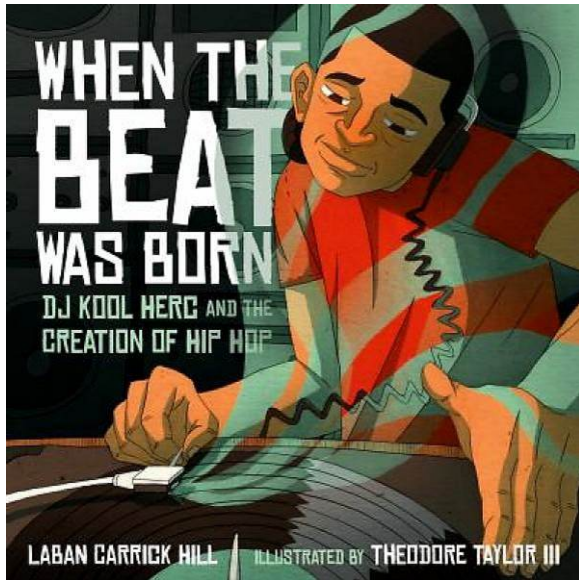


When the Beat Was Born



<p><u>When the beat was born: DJ Kool Herc and the creation of hip hop</u> By Laban Carrick Hill illustrated by Theodore Taylor III</p>	<p>Publisher name, location, and date of copyright Roaring Brook Press, New York, 2013</p>	<p>Curriculum Connections: Music, dance, hip hop, inventions, immigration, biography, New York City, African American history, Features: Author's note, timeline, select bibliography of books, film/dvd, and websites.</p>
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Description: From his childhood in Jamaica to his youth in the Bronx, Laban Carrick Hill's book tells how Kool Herc came to be a DJ, how kids in gangs stopped fighting in order to breakdance, and how the music he invented went on to define a culture and transform the world.

Following are suggested resources for text-sets targeting the possible curriculum connections above.

Books:				
Author	Title/Publisher	Grade Levels	Comments	ISBN/Publication Date
Giovanni, Nikki	<i>Hip Hop Speaks to Children: A Celebration of Poetry with a Beat</i> Sourcebooks Jabberwocky	3-8	This anthology and its accompanying cd let readers experience for themselves the rhythm of language in rap	978-1-402-21048-8 c2008

			music. Giovanni introduces the cultural importance of hip hop's invention and the poetry of its lyrics.	
Sacks, Nathan	<i>American Hip Hop: Rappers, DJs, and Hard Beats</i> Twenty first century books	5+	For the students who want to dig deeper into the history of hip hop culture and see real photos of DJ Kool Herc this book is a must. The hip hop must- have albums and songs section is a draw.	978-0-761-34500-8 c2012
Maestro, Betsy	Coming to America: the story of immigration	K-3	Combining warm prose with child-friendly watercolor illustrations, an introduction to the history of immigration to the United States offers young readers a perspective on the heritage that all Americans share.	

Websites and Online Magazines:	Name of Site	Address	Grade Levels	Comments	Publisher/Creator
BBC Culture		**http://www.bbc.com/culture/story/20130809-the-party-where-hip-hop-was-born**	4+	40 Years on from the party where hip hop was born. This BBC Culture article and short slide show includes a photo of the original invitation to Kool Herc's "Back to School Jam" party that stars in Hill's book.	BBC News
Smithsonian.org		http://invention.smithsonian.org/resources/online_articles_detail.aspx?id=646	4+	The Birth of Hip Hop: innovation against the odds Grandmaster Flash studied Kool Herc's innovative techniques, then used a scientific approach to improve them.	

<p>Lemelson Center for the study of invention and innovation</p>		<p>Buzzle.com http://www.buzzle.com/articles/pop-music-history.html</p>	<p>4+</p>	<p>Pop Music History & related Rap Music History An nnotated timeline is helpful in understanding the relationship between hip hop and other pop musical styles.</p>	<p>Buzzle.com</p>
<p>Veoh.com</p>		<p>http://www.veoh.com/watch/v6976118CCQyP3m6</p>	<p>4+</p>	<p>Beat This!: A BBC Hip Hop Culture Documentary From 1984 For selective use. At 12-13 minutes into video, you can see turn table & break dancing, then a discussion of Kool Herc</p>	<p>BBC</p>
<p>Inventivekids.com</p>		<p>http://www.inventivekids.com/</p>	<p>2-5</p>	<p>From young inventor news to how to invent, this website can be inspiring for those who have their own passion.</p>	<p>Inventive Kids</p>
<p>Pbskids.com</p>		<p>http://pbskids.org/mayaandmiguel/english/games/globalgroovin/game.html</p>	<p>K-5</p>	<p>Global Groovin' Game Kids can mix their own music using sounds from around the world.</p>	<p>PBS Kids</p>