



Hip Hop in the 1980s-1990s



The Hip Hop Years (part II)

East Coast rap
Public Enemy
(1990)

Reflection Questions:

1. What references does the song make to black history/culture?
2. What is the message/tone of the song?



West Coast
rap
NWA (1988)

Reflection Questions:

1. How does the song reflect what was going on in Compton at the time?
2. What is the message/tone of the song?

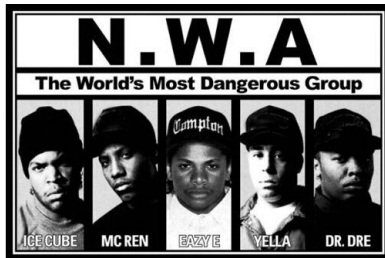


Gangsta Rap

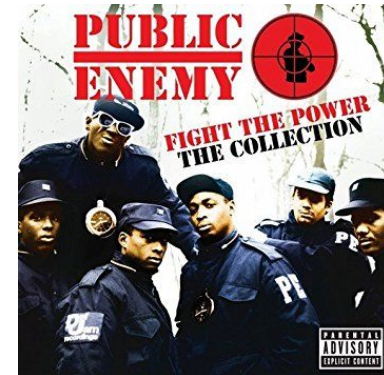
vs.

Socially Conscious Hip Hop

- A style of hip hop that emphasizes the "gangsta" lifestyle.
 - Profanity
 - Lyrics/imagery about gun-toting young men and inner city violence



- Style of hip hop made with the goal to:
 - inspire positivity
 - challenge norms





GANGSTA RAP:

Dr. Dre, feat.
Snoop Dogg,
“Nuthin’ But a G
Thang” (1992)

Consider:

How is this video/song an
example of gangsta rap?

What image/attitude does it
embrace?

**SOCIALLY
CONSCIOUS:**

2Pac,
“Changes”
(1992)

Consider:

How is this video/
song an example of
socially conscious
hip-hop?

What image/attitude
does it embrace?

