

Acting 4

Hip-Hop Theater Project!

Writing the Lyric:

Preparation:

Get on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BLIPQBLTZdU>

There are a number of Lyricology 101 instructional videos that you might find helpful – but definitely check out the one on “Different Types of Rhymes.”

Listen – to the loops in the Project Google folder.

Look – at the Proposed Song List.

The Job:

Working in groups of 2 or 3, write the lyric for one of the songs that appears on our list.

Your song should tell a specific piece of the Fuller’s story and/or explore one of the themes we have been discussing – AND it should comply with the basic rules of Rap rhythm and rhyme.

A good musical theater song will evoke a specific mood or emotional state AND it will convey a sense of change in the character’s circumstance, outlook or emotions.

1. Pick the part of the story you want to tell.
2. Select the music that best evokes that part of the story. Remember that any section of any of the loops can be extended or shortened to fit your needs. YOU MAY put two or three individual loops together to create greater variety within your song.
3. Start writing! Your “final product” should be about 3-4 minutes in length.

The song List (so far...)

1. An Introductory songs that starts in Africa and ends with Fuller’s capture.
2. A song depicted his arrival at the Cox’s plantation and adjustment to life in Virginia.
3. A song where Fuller discovers/teaches himself arithmetic
4. An “I want” song about wanting an education
5. An “I want” song about wanting his freedom
6. A song where Fuller hatches an escape plan
7. A song that explores a possible love interest
8. A Freak Show song that explores how he was treated by Northerners
9. A Dream Song from which he wakes up and finds himself still enslaved

Before you Get Started...

The Evaluation Rubric is on the flipside of this page.