

GRADE 3

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Music

# Jolliest Elf: Lil' Rey's Reindeer Rap

# Curriculum Connection:

## Music:

Through the exploration of rhythm, rhyme, and expression in the creation of Christmas Rap songs, students will actively engage in musical composition and performance. Drawing inspiration from the Kidoodle.TV episode "Jolliest Elf: Lil' Rey's Reindeer Rap," the lesson will provide a hands-on opportunity for students to apply their understanding of musical elements in a festive and creative context. The collaborative nature of the task will also enhance students' teamwork and communication skills.

# Learning Goals:

## Music:

- Students will explore the elements of rhythm, rhyme, and expression in music.
- Students will collaborate in groups to create and perform a Christmas Rap song, drawing inspiration from Kidoodle.TV's episode "Jolliest Elf: Lil' Rey's Reindeer Rap."
- Students will showcase their understanding of musical concepts through creative expression.

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# Materials:

S01E03

## Jolliest Elf: Lil' Rey's Reindeer Rap

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### Lesson Supplies:

- ☒ Jolliest Elf: Lil' Rey's Reindeer Rap S01E03
- ☐ Whiteboard
- ☐ Markers
- ☐ Access to musical instruments (optional)
- ☐ Recording devices (optional)
- ☐ Rubric (provided)





# Lesson:

## Introduction:

Begin by discussing the elements of a rap song – rhythm, rhyme, and expression. Use examples from popular music to illustrate these elements.

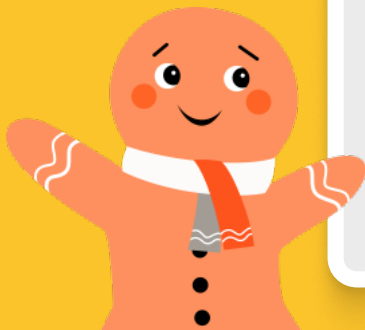
Share the story of Rey, the tiny reindeer from the Kidoodle.TV episode "Jolliest Elf: Lil' Rey's Reindeer Rap," who, despite being unable to fly, showcases his gift of rap and giving to others.

## Viewing the Episode:

Show the Kidoodle.TV episode, focusing on how Rey uses rap as a unique and creative way to spread joy during the Christmas season. Discuss the episode, highlighting Rey's gift of rap and how it contributes to the festive spirit.

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## Group Formation and Assignment:

Divide the class into groups of 3-4 students. Distribute the Rubric that will be used to evaluate students' Christmas Rap. Discuss the criteria for the rap, emphasizing rhythm, rhyme, expression and incorporation of festive elements.

## Group Work - Creating the Rap:

Allow each group time to brainstorm ideas for their Christmas Rap, drawing inspiration from Rey's story. Encourage them to incorporate elements of giving and spreading joy in their lyrics. Provide guidance on maintaining a steady rhythm and exploring rhyming words.

## Group Performances:

Each group will present their Christmas Rap to the class, sharing their unique take on spreading joy through music. Encourage creativity in delivery, such as incorporating gestures or optional musical instruments. Consider recording the performances for later reflection. Provide guidance on maintaining a steady rhythm and exploring rhyming words.

## Class Discussion and Reflection:

Facilitate a discussion on the various Christmas Rap performances, connecting them to Rey's story.

Encourage students to share how they incorporated the theme of giving and joy into their raps.

Discuss the collaborative aspects of working in groups and the importance of creative expression in music.

## Extension Activity:

Students can create a festive backdrop or visual aids to accompany their rap performance. Explore the option of recording the raps and compiling them into a class Christmas Rap album. Consider inviting a local musician or artist to provide feedback on the performances.

## Assessment

During the Christmas Rap performances, utilize the provided rubric as a comprehensive tool for evaluation. The rubric, focusing on essential elements such as rhythm, rhyme, expression, collaboration, and overall presentation, allows for targeted feedback.



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