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Rap Alias \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***Goal***—You will create one verse of a rap song with lyrics that deal directly with Plato’s The *Phaedo* of Socrates.

Your verse of rap should **include literary devices** such as simile, metaphor, hyperbole, alliteration, assonance, apostrophe, allusion &c. It should also include the central conceit or logic of the speaker’s argument regarding what occurs after death.

Select one of the following speakers:

*Socrates, Echecrates, Phaedo, Apllodorus, Cebes, Simmias, or Crito*

Your verse should most definitely include specific references to lines, speakers, language, allusions, analogies and examples from the dialogue.

Your verse of rap should be **10-12 lines long** and feature some manner of rhyme scheme. There is no specific requirement on the number of syllables in a line, the particular meter or cadence, or the organization of the rhyme scheme. This will allow you to write in your own particular style and voice.

You may select a beat using the classroom desktop computer by going to [www.createraps.com](http://www.createraps.com) or [www.flocabulary.com](http://www.flocabulary.com) you can create your own beat using the Garage Band app on your iPad (or the desktop version on the classroom computer). You may also select a classroom appropriate instrumental version of your favorite hip-hop song ([www.everyinstrumental.com](http://www.everyinstrumental.com) is a good place to start looking).

You are to work **individually** to write your own verse. You may get together with other members of your group at the end of the assignment to compare your lyrics, images, ideas, style &c.

Your final copy of your rap should be on a separate document to turn in for a class work grade. The final copy should be clean, neat, and proofread of surface errors.

It should go without saying that even though this assignment may call for you to rap, all lyrics of your rap should be school-appropriate and accurate to the expectations of the assignment.