

## **Assignment: Kanye West: “Black Skinhead”**

**Number 1: The text. Answer the following questions and be prepared to present your answers.**

1. Account for the structure and the use of rhyme in the rap.
2. The rap is called “Black Skinhead.” What does the rap say about being black?
3. What does Kanye West say about his own identity as a black man?
4. Find examples of braggadocio in the rap. Why is Kanye West bragging and what is he bragging about?
5. Find examples of figurative language and comment on how it is used.
6. How would you describe the tone in the text? (look at the list with words to describe tone in the Characteristics of Rap). What is the purpose of the tone?
7. The rap ends with the word God that is repeated several times. What is the purpose of this?

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**Number 2: The video. Answer the following questions and be prepared to present your answers.**

1. Give a summary of the video. What happens?
2. How is the black man/Kanye West filmed in the video? What is the purpose of this?
3. How would you describe the mood in the video and how does the video support this mood through sound and cutting?
4. Why do you think the video is filmed in black and white?
5. “[I'm aware I'm a wolf](#).” How does the video support this statement from Kanye West.
6. Choose a still from the video and describe and analyse it in detail.
7. At the end of the video, Kanye West changes position while the word “God” is repeated. What is he trying to say?