

Ice-T: "Colors": Dancing Chairs

Print the list with questions. Cut the questions out and place a question in front of a student's computer. Five different students get five different question. Each student gets 5 minutes to answer the question in front of him/her and then s/he moves to another place to answer a new question without taking the computer or the questions with him/her. In front of the new question, the student continues the work of the previous student. The assignment is finished when every student has written something to each question.

1. Characterize the narrator in the rap. What do we know about him? Bring in quotations from the text.

2. What kind of problems do we find in the environment in which the narrator is living?

3. Comment on the structure of the rap and the use rhymes and alliteration. Give examples.

4. Find five examples of figurative language and comment on the effect. Be as precise as possible and describe what the words mean and not how they affect you. For instance, "I sting like a bee" is a comparison using the word "like". The narrator compares himself to a bee and the effect is that the narrator's shows that he is dangerous and is able to hurt other people.

5. The narrator calls himself a psychopath. Find places in the text that underline this statement. Is there perhaps also something that indicates that he is not just a coldhearted psychopath?
