

# Hip Hop As a Way of Life (Jazzalude III)

## Guru

Hip hop is a way of life  
It ain't a fact  
It ain't a trend  
Not for those of us who are true to it  
It's reflected in our slide in our walk and in our stares  
In our dress and in our attitude  
Hip hop has a history, an origin and a set of principles including rules and regulations that a lot of this new kids  
overlook nowadays  
Music itself acts as a safety valve in society  
If there was no hip hop music, there would be much more chaos in the street than we have now  
It's our way to release tension, to let out the frustration that young people face in the world today  
Over the years hip hop has evolved to represent what is happening now, the reality of street life  
Rap is the oral expression of things, the tool, the literature  
Hip hop is the lifestyle, the philosophy and even the religion if i may  
Just as jazz has had its own culture, rap music has it's own culture which we proudly call hip-hop  
Of all the music and lifestyle that is now propagandized by the media and is now exploited by big bussiness  
It will still remain for some of us as the raw essence of life

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