

Lesson 10 – Parents

Beginning will start with playing “Parents Just Don’t Understand” by DJ Jazzy Jeff and the Fresh Prince <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jW3PFC86UNI>. You would only need to play the first verse which is about his mom taking him school shopping.

Use this as a starting point to talk about what stresses them out about their parents

Discussion Question

- Do you feel parents don’t understand you?
- What things don’t they understand?
- Why do you think they don’t understand that?

Possible answers

- Unrealistic expectations, should be getting all As, not realizing how difficult the classes can be
- We play too many videogames or watch too much YouTube
- Different doesn’t mean bad
- We need some time to relax (over programming)
- Their problems as a child are not our problems
- Holding us to a different standard than themselves

Activity

What would you like to tell your parents?

- Ideally students would prepare a rap what you would like to tell your parents
- Can be a poem, a play, a letter
- Students can work individually, in pairs, or groups of three

Example rap to Eminem’s “The Way I Am”. Can be viewed at https://youtu.be/Rjl8v_nyFZk

And I am whatever you say I am
A son, a provider, and a handyman
Sometimes things just don’t go as planned
Doesn’t make me a bad man

'Cause I am whatever you say I am
Just because my brothers didn’t do what I can
You have to meet me half way, extend a hand
You have to accept me for the way I am

Leave some time at the end to allow students perform it if they like

Something to Think About

- What do you think you don't understand about your parents?