



WORKSHOP

with Hana Vrdoljak

New York City in Rap Lyrics

New York City – the United States' famous art, culture, and business metropolis – has already been sung about in numerous songs. Indeed, the genre of rap music, which has its roots in the borough of The Bronx, is no exception to this: the well-known hip-hop group Beastie Boys pay a loving tribute to their native city with their hit An Open Letter to NYC. The song deals with New York's unique cultural diversity, as well as the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. In this context, the song makes it clear that the unyielding solidarity of New Yorkers plays a key role in dealing with this tragedy.

In this workshop, the participants will first listen to an introductory lecture about New York City. Here, they will not only learn general information about the city and its history, but also its five different boroughs and the multiculturalism that prevails there. After that, there will be a brief introduction to US hip-hop subculture before the students can get to work themselves. With the help of guiding questions, they will analyze the lyrics of An Open Letter to NYC with regard to the topics covered in the introductory talk. Finally, the workshop closes with the participants presenting their individual results to the other groups and a brief concluding discussion.

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