

## Year 8 Song writing process

### 1. Choose a theme.

(Try to think of something that means something to you, that you know a bit about. E.g. Make poverty history, stop global warming, animals have rights, stop bullying, )

### 2. Brainstorm phrases. You should write down at least 15 phrases that have something to do with your theme.

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### 3. Choose your strongest phrase and find as many rhymes for its last word as you can. Don't worry at this stage if they don't make sense.

Phrase: .....

Rhymes: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Now repeat for three more phrases

Phrase:.....

Rhymes: \_\_\_\_\_/ \_\_\_\_\_/ \_\_\_\_\_/ \_\_\_\_\_/

\_\_\_\_\_/ \_\_\_\_\_/ \_\_\_\_\_/ \_\_\_\_\_/

Phrase:.....

Rhymes: \_\_\_\_\_/ \_\_\_\_\_/ \_\_\_\_\_/ \_\_\_\_\_/

\_\_\_\_\_/ \_\_\_\_\_/ \_\_\_\_\_/ \_\_\_\_\_/

Phrase:.....

Rhymes: \_\_\_\_\_/ \_\_\_\_\_/ \_\_\_\_\_/ \_\_\_\_\_/

\_\_\_\_\_/ \_\_\_\_\_/ \_\_\_\_\_/ \_\_\_\_\_/

5. Can you turn these ideas into 4 rhyming couplets? The couplets should balance, and have a good natural rhythm.

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6. Now create a chorus that sums up the main message of the song. 4-6 lines long using two or three of your best rhyming couplets.

7. Use up other ideas to make verses. (Two or three at the most.)

8. Organise into verse chorus structure, typically  
intro-verse-chorus-verse-chorus- middle 8- chorus- outro

9. Put a tune or rhythm to it!