

**Workshop 1: Eyes on the Graduation Prize**

## Quick Project

# Graduation Rap

*If you drop out today, you'll pay!*

**Project:** Work with a partner. Write a rap about staying in school.

### Procedure

#### 1. Make a rhyme chart.

Brainstorm key words you might use in your rap, such as *school*, *books*, *learn*, and *dropout*. Add your own words. Create a chart with each key word at the top of a column. Then, below each word, list rhymes.

School	Books	Learn
rule	looks	burn
fool	crooks	turn
cruel	cooks	earn

#### 2. Decide on your approach.

Think about the attitude you want to project with your rap:

- Do you want to scare your audience or motivate them?
- Do you want an angry tone, a humorous tone, or other?

#### 3. Write. Revise. Rehearse.

Write a draft of your rap. Does it say what you want it to say? Work with your partner to change or add to the rap. Then rehearse together until you are ready to perform.

#### 4. Present.

Perform your rap for your classmates. Post a written copy in the classroom so students can read it again later.