



YouDJ Video 13: Scratching



Objective

Students will improvise rhythms on the YOU DJ turntable by using the scratching technique.

Key Terms

Scratching: a DJ/turtablist technique of moving a vinyl record back and forth on the turntable to produce percussive or rhythmic sounds.

Procedures

1. Students will hover their mouse over the left turntable and will click and drag the record to produce a scratching effect. Turning the record clockwise will move the music forward while turning the record counterclockwise will move the music backwards.
2. Students will identify different parts in the song that work well for scratching and can compare the various sounds that are produced in each section.
3. Students can also have one turntable playing music to serve as a template while they scratch on the second turntable. This allows students the opportunity to scratch while keeping the music going.
4. Students can work with various rhythmic combinations to create improvised scratch solos throughout various sections of the song.

Extension

1. Students can learn more about scratching by researching videos of top DJ scratchers from around the world. Search terms could include: Top Scratch DJs, DJ Scratch Battle, How to Scratch DJ, etc.

Assessment

When possible, students can film a short video of their screen to demonstrate an understanding of how to use the scratching technique on YOU DJ.

National Core Arts Standards

MU:Cr1.1 .T.la - Generate melodic, rhythmic, and harmonic ideas for compositions and improvisations using digital tools.