

## 9 Elements

KRS-One

Well my ladies and gentlemen  
This is a rapsession and my name is "KRS-One!"  
And when I talk about "Hip-Hop Music!", I know

One: Breaking or breakdancing  
Rally b-boying, freestyle or streetdancin'  
Two: MC'ing or rap  
Divine speech what I'm doing right now no act  
Three: Grafitti art or burning bombin'  
Taggin', writin', now you're learning! uh!  
Four: DJ'ing, we ain't playing!  
[scratch] You know what I'm saying!  
Five: Beatboxing  
Give me a [beatboxin] Yes and we rockin'!  
Six: Street fashion, lookin' fly  
Catchin' the eye while them cats walk on by  
Seven: Street language, our verbal communication  
Our codes throughout the nation  
Eight: Street knowledge, common sense  
The wisdom of the elders from way back whence  
Nine: Street entrepreneur realism  
No job, just get up call 'em and get 'em

Here's how I'm tellin' it, all 9 Elements  
We stand in love, no we're never failing it  
Intelligent? No doubt  
Hip-Hop? We're not selling it out, we're just lettin' it out  
If you're checkin' us out this hour, we teatchin' hip-hop  
Holy integrated people have it, I'm the present power!

Rap is something you do!  
3x Hip-Hop is something you live! [scratched]  
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Skaters, BMX-bike riders rock  
Don't you ever stop! You are hip-hop  
You doing the same things we did on our block in the suburbs  
You know you be packing that black block  
Selling that crackrock and ecstasy  
Gettin' pissydrunk, fallin' out next to me  
But like I told those in the ghettoes  
Here's the facts! True hip-hop is so much more than that  
Some much more than rap, so much more than beats  
Hip-hop is all about victory over the streets  
What you see on TV is a lie  
That's not something you wanna live or pattern your life by  
But, huh that's too much preachin' ain't it?  
You don't want the ?education[?], you wanna be dead on the pavement  
Well, so be it, some of ya'll ain't gonna see it  
Others wanna enslave your mind! Kris wanna free it!

Rap is something you do!  
Hip-Hop is something you live!

"Oh yea" - From "P is dead"

"I have spent my whole life livin'", "talk to the fullest", "no doubt"

You know that's why these rappers can't hang  
Cause the essence of hip-hop is not a material thang  
They so careless, hip-hop is in a we give  
Rap we do, hip-hop we live  
How many times I gotta say it? How the radio ain't gonna play it  
And you hip-hoppers sit back and okay it  
Think about it! (think about it)  
The present course of action, we have got to reroute it!  
Hip-Hop is something you live!