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**2Pac “Changes”: Song Analysis**

In order to start practicing with poetic devices, we will look at the song “Changes” by Tupac.

Once we’ve discussed the song as a class, record a theme statement:

Next, take a look at the list of poetic devices on the side, and identify as many sections with these devices as you can by yourself or with a partner.

[[Verse 1: 2Pac]](http://genius.com/1102648/2pac-changes/Verse-1-2pac)  
[I see no changes, wake up in the morning and I ask myself:  
"Is life worth living? Should I blast myself?"](http://genius.com/565508/2pac-changes/I-see-no-changes-wake-up-in-the-morning-and-i-ask-myself-is-life-worth-living-should-i-blast-myself)  
[I'm tired of being poor and, even worse, I'm black](http://genius.com/565511/2pac-changes/Im-tired-of-being-poor-and-even-worse-im-black)  
[My stomach hurts so I'm looking for a purse to snatch](http://genius.com/625717/2pac-changes/My-stomach-hurts-so-im-looking-for-a-purse-to-snatch)  
[Cops give a damn about a negro  
Pull the trigger, kill a nigga, he's a hero](http://genius.com/8047/2pac-changes/Cops-give-a-damn-about-a-negro-pull-the-trigger-kill-a-nigga-hes-a-hero)  
"Give the crack to the kids: who the hell cares?  
One less hungry mouth on the welfare!"  
[First ship 'em dope and let 'em deal to brothers   
Give 'em guns, step back, watch 'em kill each other](http://genius.com/75037/2pac-changes/First-ship-em-dope-and-let-em-deal-to-brothers-give-em-guns-step-back-watch-em-kill-each-other)   
["It's time to fight back," that's what Huey said   
Two shots in the dark, now Huey's dead](http://genius.com/8051/2pac-changes/Its-time-to-fight-back-thats-what-huey-said-two-shots-in-the-dark-now-hueys-dead)   
[I got love for my brother](http://genius.com/647287/2pac-changes/I-got-love-for-my-brother)   
[But we can never go nowhere unless we share with each other](http://genius.com/239112/2pac-changes/But-we-can-never-go-nowhere-unless-we-share-with-each-other)   
[We gotta start making changes](http://genius.com/647288/2pac-changes/We-gotta-start-making-changes)   
[Learn to see me as a brother instead of two distant strangers   
And that's how it's supposed to be   
How can the Devil take a brother if he's close to me?](http://genius.com/239519/2pac-changes/Learn-to-see-me-as-a-brother-instead-of-two-distant-strangers-and-thats-how-its-supposed-to-be-how-can-the-devil-take-a-brother-if-hes-close-to-me)   
[I'd love to go back to when we played as kids   
But things change... and that's the way it is](http://genius.com/8053/2pac-changes/Id-love-to-go-back-to-when-we-played-as-kids-but-things-change-and-thats-the-way-it-is)  
  
[Hook: [Talent](http://genius.com/7712243/2pac-changes/Talent)]  
[That's just the way it is  
Things'll never be the same  
That's just the way it is  
Aww yeah](http://genius.com/953153/2pac-changes/Thats-just-the-way-it-is-thingsll-never-be-the-same-thats-just-the-way-it-is-aww-yeah)  
  
[[Verse 2: 2Pac]](http://genius.com/8050/2pac-changes/Verse-2-2pac)  
[I see no changes, all I see is racist faces](http://genius.com/565222/2pac-changes/I-see-no-changes-all-i-see-is-racist-faces)  
[Misplaced hate makes disgrace to races](http://genius.com/52188/2pac-changes/Misplaced-hate-makes-disgrace-to-races)  
[We under, I wonder what it takes to make this  
One better place, let's erase the wasted](http://genius.com/8055/2pac-changes/We-under-i-wonder-what-it-takes-to-make-this-one-better-place-lets-erase-the-wasted)  
[Take the evil out the people, they'll be acting right](http://genius.com/1314612/2pac-changes/Take-the-evil-out-the-people-theyll-be-acting-right)  
[Cause both Black and White are smoking crack tonight](http://genius.com/869744/2pac-changes/Cause-both-black-and-white-are-smoking-crack-tonight)  
[And the only time we chill is when we kill each other](http://genius.com/8904/2pac-changes/And-the-only-time-we-chill-is-when-we-kill-each-other)  
[It takes skill to be real, time to heal each other](http://genius.com/647359/2pac-changes/It-takes-skill-to-be-real-time-to-heal-each-other)  
[And although it seems heaven-sent  
We ain't ready to see a black president](http://genius.com/8056/2pac-changes/And-although-it-seems-heaven-sent-we-aint-ready-to-see-a-black-president)  
[It ain't a secret, don't conceal the fact:  
The penitentiary's packed, and it's filled with blacks](http://genius.com/8057/2pac-changes/It-aint-a-secret-dont-conceal-the-fact-the-penitentiarys-packed-and-its-filled-with-blacks)  
[But some things will never change](http://genius.com/837718/2pac-changes/But-some-things-will-never-change)  
[Try to show another way but you staying in the dope game](http://genius.com/8144/2pac-changes/Try-to-show-another-way-but-you-staying-in-the-dope-game)  
[Now tell me, what's a mother to do?](http://genius.com/8145/2pac-changes/Now-tell-me-whats-a-mother-to-do)  
[Being real don't appeal to the brother in you](http://genius.com/164473/2pac-changes/Being-real-dont-appeal-to-the-brother-in-you)  
[You gotta operate the easy way  
"I made a G today" but you made it in a sleazy way  
Selling crack to the kids, "I gotta get paid!"  
Well hey, but that's the way it is](http://genius.com/8067/2pac-changes/You-gotta-operate-the-easy-way-i-made-a-g-today-but-you-made-it-in-a-sleazy-way-selling-crack-to-the-kids-i-gotta-get-paid-well-hey-but-thats-the-way-it-is)  
  
[Hook: Talent]  
  
[[2Pac Talking]](http://genius.com/7766327/2pac-changes/2pac-talking)  
[We gotta make a change](http://genius.com/688696/2pac-changes/We-gotta-make-a-change)  
[It's time for us as a people to start making some changes](http://genius.com/2337425/2pac-changes/Its-time-for-us-as-a-people-to-start-making-some-changes)  
[Let's change the way we eat, let's change the way we live](http://genius.com/8146/2pac-changes/Lets-change-the-way-we-eat-lets-change-the-way-we-live)  
[And let's change the way we treat each other](http://genius.com/3911997/2pac-changes/And-lets-change-the-way-we-treat-each-other)  
[You see the old way wasn't working so it's on us to do  
What we gotta do to survive](http://genius.com/7996100/2pac-changes/You-see-the-old-way-wasnt-working-so-its-on-us-to-do-what-we-gotta-do-to-survive)  
  
[Verse 3: 2Pac]  
[And still I see no changes,](http://genius.com/837694/2pac-changes/And-still-i-see-no-changes) [can't a brother get a little peace](http://genius.com/487759/2pac-changes/Cant-a-brother-get-a-little-peace)  
[It's war on the streets and a war in the Middle East](http://genius.com/8147/2pac-changes/Its-war-on-the-streets-and-a-war-in-the-middle-east)  
[Instead of war on poverty  
They got a war on drugs so the police can bother me](http://genius.com/854512/2pac-changes/Instead-of-war-on-poverty-they-got-a-war-on-drugs-so-the-police-can-bother-me)  
[And I ain't never did a crime I ain't have to do](http://genius.com/837705/2pac-changes/And-i-aint-never-did-a-crime-i-aint-have-to-do)  
[But now I'm back with the facts giving it back to you](http://genius.com/837709/2pac-changes/But-now-im-back-with-the-facts-giving-it-back-to-you)  
[Don't let 'em jack you up, back you up  
Crack you up and pimp-smack you up](http://genius.com/8059/2pac-changes/Dont-let-em-jack-you-up-back-you-up-crack-you-up-and-pimp-smack-you-up)  
[You gotta learn to hold your own](http://genius.com/164475/2pac-changes/You-gotta-learn-to-hold-your-own)  
[They get jealous when they see you with your mobile phone](http://genius.com/8060/2pac-changes/They-get-jealous-when-they-see-you-with-your-mobile-phone)  
[But tell the cops they "can't touch this"](http://genius.com/8149/2pac-changes/But-tell-the-cops-they-cant-touch-this)  
[I don't trust this, when they try to rush I bust this  
That's the sound of my tool  
You say it ain't cool,](http://genius.com/470593/2pac-changes/I-dont-trust-this-when-they-try-to-rush-i-bust-this-thats-the-sound-of-my-tool-you-say-it-aint-cool) [my mama didn't raise no fool](http://genius.com/60373/2pac-changes/My-mama-didnt-raise-no-fool)  
[And as long as I stay black, I gotta stay strapped](http://genius.com/8151/2pac-changes/And-as-long-as-i-stay-black-i-gotta-stay-strapped)  
[And I never get to lay back  
Cause I always got to worry 'bout the payback  
Some buck that I roughed up way back  
Coming back after all these years](http://genius.com/375901/2pac-changes/And-i-never-get-to-lay-back-cause-i-always-got-to-worry-bout-the-payback-some-buck-that-i-roughed-up-way-back-coming-back-after-all-these-years)  
["Rat-a-tat-tat-tat-tat!"](http://genius.com/487751/2pac-changes/Rat-a-tat-tat-tat-tat) [That's the way it is](http://genius.com/1296493/2pac-changes/Thats-the-way-it-is)  
  
[Hook: Talent]  
  
[2Pac]  
[Some things'll never change](http://genius.com/3912102/2pac-changes/Some-thingsll-never-change)

From this song, has anything changed? Why?

**Repetition:** general repetition

throughout

**Anaphora**: word/phrase repeated

at the beginning

**Epistrophe:** word/phrase repeated

at the end

**End Rhyme:** rhymes at the end of

lines (usually couplets)

**Onomatopoeia:** words that sound

like the noise they represent

**Alliteration:** a letter is repeated at

the beginning of each word

**Assonance:** the vowel sound in the

middle of words is repeated

**Consonance:** the consonant sound at

the beginning of a word is repeated

**Free verse:** there’s no real pattern

**Irony:** something is said/done that

is the opposite of what is expected

**Contrast:** 2 things are compared for

effect

**Metaphor:** 2 things are presented as

the same