

Much of the music you are hearing right now comes from the genre called jazz. Jazz, an African American art form, is notable for its use of improvisation, which involves the ability to think up new sounds and phrases while working from structure.

This is also where new ideas come from in writing. As you listen to this music, use a typewriter to write about this moment now--the people around you, what you are feeling, the faces on the walls, social issues, current events, your education, your own dreams for a better life.

Tape what you wrote to our Black History Wall. Take a photo of what you wrote and post it online.