

Increasing Interest in High School English Through a Hip-Hop Based Elective

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Problem

High School Students are not inclined to take additional higher level English courses

Solution

Create an English elective based on the analysis of Hip Hop.

Product

- Outlined objectives and standards for four units
- Designed an additional unit of in depth lessons



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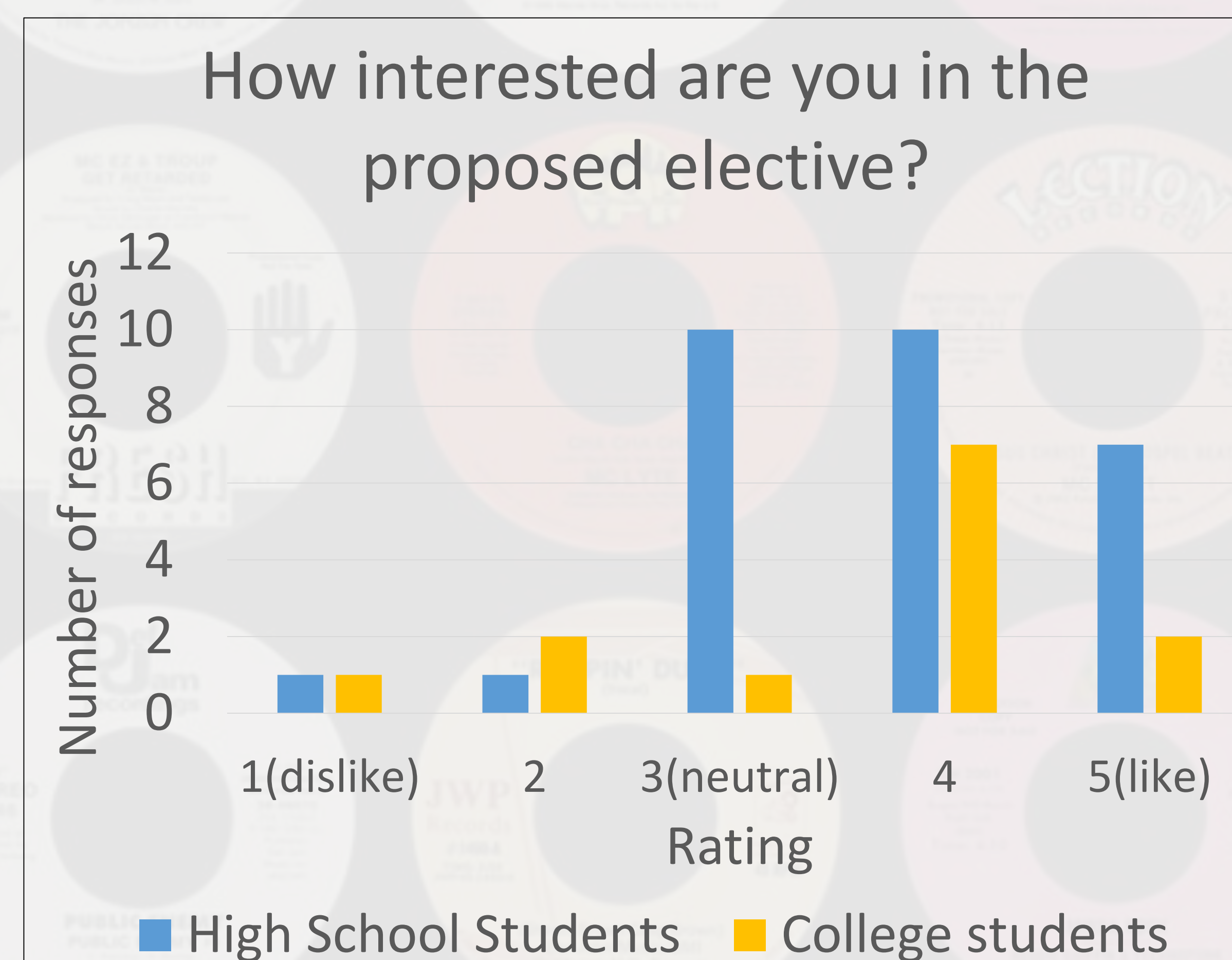
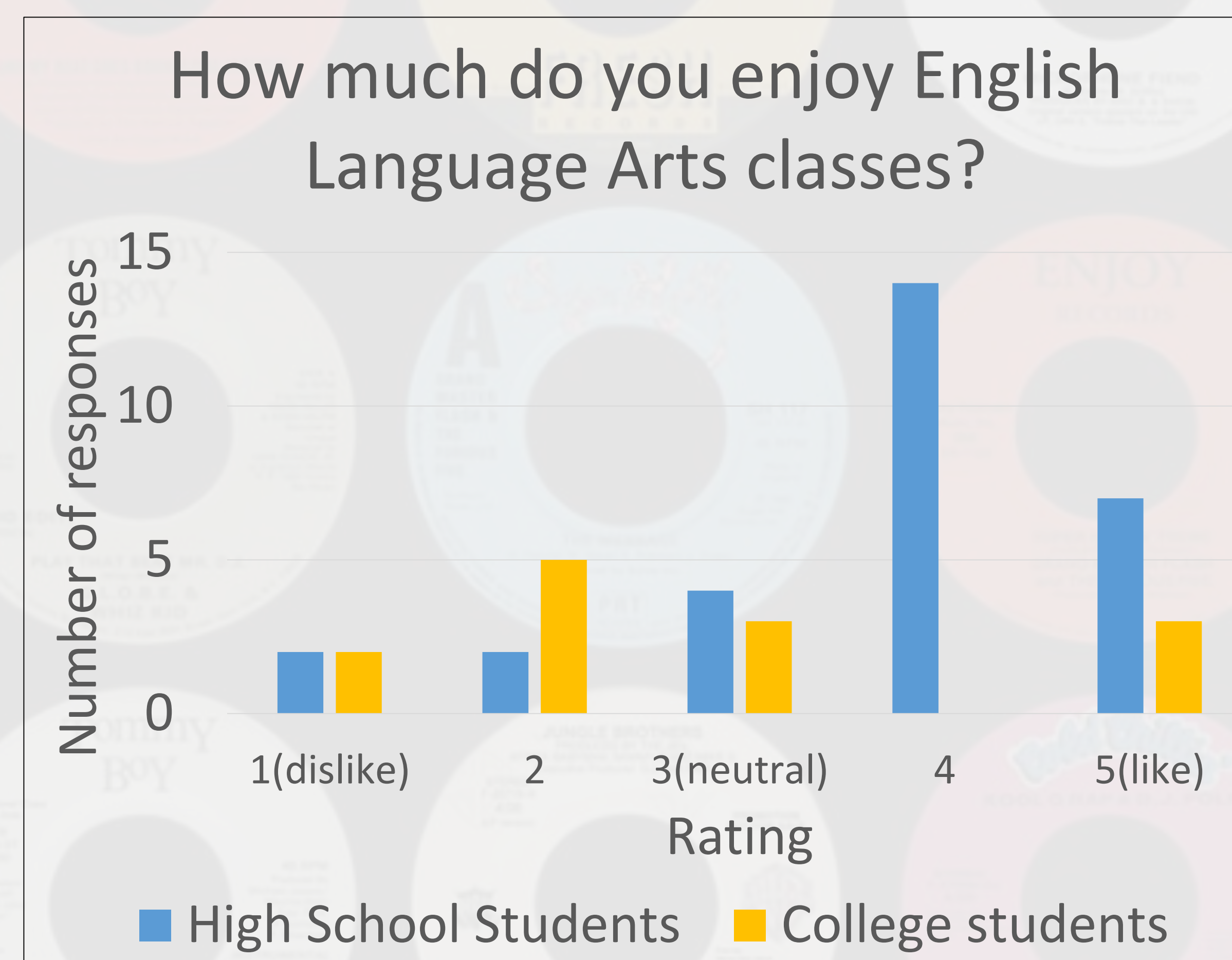
Learning Standards

- Reading
- Writing
- Speaking and Listening
- Language

Assessment

- Surveyed high school students
- Tested lesson plan with WPI freshman

Data



Poetry or Hip Hop?

“Hell is empty / And all the devils are here”

“For you, I would peel open the clouds like new fruit / And give you lightning and thunder as a dowry / [...] And I would clasp the constellations across your waist”

“Gonna buy me a knife with / a blade ten inches long. / Shall I carve ma self or / that man that done me wrong?”

“May God forgive us though we dwell inside a paradox”

Conclusions

- 26% of students dislike English class
- 62% of students are interested in our elective
- This elective would encourage taking additional English classes.

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