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Rules & Laws

Learn more about this topic! Each section gives more detail on one of the lyrics from the song. Read each section, and then respond by answering the question or taking notes on key ideas.

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Rules are instructions that tell us how to act, or behave. For example, many schools have a rule of no running in the halls. Why do schools have this rule? It\xe2\x80\x99s not to take away your fun. It\xe2\x80\x99s because when people run in the halls, they can bump into each other and get hurt. The rule helps people avoid accidents. It helps everyone stay safe. In fact, safety is the reason behind many of the rules in place at school, at home, and in the community.

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Rules help things run smoothly. For example, some classrooms have a rule that only one person talks at a time. This way, everyone can hear what is being said.

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Another reason for rules is fairness. Libraries have a rule that when you borrow a book, you have to return it by a certain date. Otherwise, you might have to pay a library fine. After all, other people deserve the chance to read the book, too! This rule keeps things fair.

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Laws are rules that are created by the government. Everyone has to follow the law\xe2\x8o\x94even the president of the United States! Like rules, laws help keep things running smoothly and fairly, and they help everyone stay safe. It is a crime to break the law. Some crimes are very serious. For example, stealing from a store is a serious crime. A person who does this could get arrested.

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