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**Explaining Langston Hughes' Poems Essay**

**Dream Unit**

**Directions:**

-Students will listen to Langston Hughes recite his poems "The Dream Keeper" and "Dreams."

-http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EpjFS3CQkKE  "Langston Hughes reads his poem, 'Dreams'"

-What is the main idea of the poem?  What is the message that Hughes wants us to think about after reading the poems?

-Now read "A Dream Deferred" by Langston Hughes.

-What is the message he is trying to get across from that poem?

-How do his poems relate to our lives?

Write a five-paragraph essay on looseleaf

* Explain your interpretation and opinions about the meaning of these poems.
* Be sure to include how these poems relate to your life.
* Include direct quotes from the poem. Be sure to use quotation marks.
* **Check your writing for:**
	+ **spelling**
	+ **capitalization of proper nouns**
	+ **capitalization of the beginning of sentences**
	+ **punctuation**
	+ **indentation of each new paragraph**
	+ **interesting word choice**
	+ **use of transition words**
	+ **use of quotation marks when using direct quotes**
	+ **See the rubric for more details of expectations.**

**Outline**

**Paragraph 1: Introduction**

**Paragraph 2: Your interpretation of “Dreams”**

**Paragraph 3: Your interpretation of “The Dream Keeper”**

**Paragraph 4: Your interpretation of “A Dream Deferred”**

**Paragraph 5: Explanation of how these poems relate to your life**

**Paragraph 6: Conclusion**