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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**