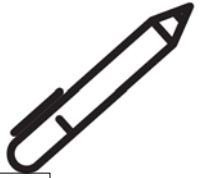


American Poets: Langston Hughes

DIRECTIONS: Read the poem "Harlem" by Langston Hughes. Answer the questions.



1. What is the poem about in a universal sense?

2. Put the poem in a historical/social context. When was it written? What was going on in the U.S. at this time? What is the poem about within this kind of context?

3. What literary device does Hughes use in lines 2 and 9? What is the effect of this device? How does the use of this device contribute to the meaning of the poem?