

Name: _____



Day Two

Langston Hughes: American Poet

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words

→ Read these phrases and words **out loud** to your partner.

- Langston Hughes was an important American poet
- Most elementary schools were segregated
- Stories sparked his interest in writing
- He chose to study at Columbia University

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Langston | LANG ston |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hughes | HYOOZ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> segregated | SEG rih gay tid |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fought | FAWT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> published | PUB lisht |
| <input type="checkbox"/> courageous | cuh RAY jus |



Decoding practice:

- Find the vowels in these longer words
- Write a v above each vowel
- Count the vowels
- Write the number of syllables in the word
- Try clapping the syllables and say the word

The first one is done for you.

^vim^vport^vant 3 American _____ elementary _____ Sheridan _____
Columbia _____ University _____ understand _____



Day Two

// one minute

Langston Hughes: American Poet

Part 2: Last read

WPM _____

Langston Hughes was an important American poet. You may have read his poem, “Mother to Son.” Or you may have read his stories set in Harlem. He is the best-loved African American writer.

Langston grew up in Kansas in the early 1900s. Most elementary schools were segregated.	48
But his mother insisted that he attend a mixed school. As a child, Langston loved reading.	64
Books were his best friends. He would often rather read than play with other children.	79

Langston’s parents separated when he was small. Until his teens, he lived with his grandmother. She told wonderful stories about his people. His grandfather, Sheridan, had worked to end slavery. He fought for Black people’s rights. Langston enjoyed hearing about family history. Stories sparked his interest in writing.	93 105 118 127
---	-------------------------

Langston wrote his first poem in eighth grade. His classmates called him their class poet.	142
Langston had a poem published when he just finished high school. He decided to become a writer.	157 159

Beginning in college, Langston started to explore what it meant to be Black. He chose to study at Columbia University because he wanted to live in Harlem. He even traveled to West Africa to understand Black history. He was able to uncover many stories about courageous people. These stories shaped his writings.	175 190 204 211
---	--------------------------

Langston Hughes changed many people’s ideas about who could be a poet. His poems spoke to readers who had not felt a connection to poetry before.	225 237
---	------------

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

What is your idea of who can be a poet?

Share your answer with your partner. Ask your partner their ideas of who can be a poet.

- Our ideas are the same or similar
- Our ideas are different