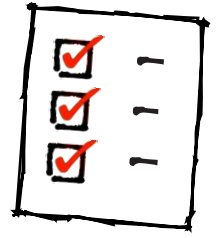


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Day Two

Langston Hughes: Proud Poet

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words

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

- His grandmother was a vocal supporter
- while fighting to abolish slavery
- America's relentless racism
- but he met harsh anti-Black prejudice there
- the heart of Black culture in America

- Langston **LANG** | ston
- Hughes **HYOOZ**
- vocal **VOH** | kul
- prejudice **PREJ** | uh | dis
- racism **RAY** | sizm
- vibrant **VY** | brent
- Renaissance **REN** | uh | sahns



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.

 v v v v 4 remarkable _____ activist _____ abolish _____

Columbia _____ relentless _____ Mexico _____



Day Two

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Part 2: Last read

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Langston Hughes was a great American writer. His work is full of feeling, confidence, and Black pride.

Langston was born into a remarkable family. His grandmother was a vocal supporter of Black rights. Her husband was an activist who had been killed while fighting to abolish slavery. 47

As a child, Langston rarely saw his father. His father hated America’s relentless racism. He spent much of his life in Mexico. Langston, on the other hand, loved America in spite of its many problems. 61 78 82

Langston was a lonely child. He lived with his grandmother while his mother worked in another city. He missed his mother. His grandmother was strict and proud. She taught young Langston to be proud, too. 97 111 117

Langston loved to read, and found comfort in books. In high school, he found good friends from many races. He discovered early on that he had a talent for writing. He went to college at Columbia in New York City, but he met harsh anti-Black prejudice there. He left after one year. 132 149 166 170

Langston’s most famous poems include “Dreams,” “I, Too, Sing America,” and “I’ve Known Rivers.” Langston lived at an exciting time. Jazz was thriving in the cities. African American artists and writers were creating fresh, vibrant art. Langston made his home in Harlem, the heart of Black culture in America. He became one of the biggest stars of the Harlem Renaissance. Today, he is one of America’s most beloved writers. 182 196 209 225 239

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Langston’s father moved to Mexico because of racism in the U.S. Langston loved America even though he hated racism. What could Langston say to his father?

Share your answer with your partner. Add another idea from your partner.
