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## Partner reading

“Lamont” - Locomotion (pp. 67-69)



In the poem “Lamont,” Lonnie includes dialogue from Ms. Marcus’s class.



Read the poem silently to yourself.

When both you and your partner are done reading, work together to match up which character said which lines.

### Who was speaking?

Fill in the blanks below with the name of the character who’s speaking. Characters might include Angel, Lamont, Lonnie, Ms. Marcus.

*Optional:* Try Reader’s Theater for these lines. **One partner** can read the boys’ lines: Lamont, Angel, Lonnie. The **other partner** can read Ms. Marcus’s lines, the teacher.

“Let’s take out our poetry notebooks. I want to work on haiku again today.”

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“I don’t like forms. I like free verse when you can write anything you want, any way you want.”

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“I ain’t writing no poetry. No black guys be writing poetry anyway.”

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“What about Richard Wright. And Langston Hughes.”

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“I know Richard Wright. He lives on my block. His mom’s name’s Mrs. Wright. I know Langston Hughes, too.”

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“Richard Wright—the poet—wrote haiku. Langston Hughes—the poet—wrote all kinds of poetry. Richard Wright also wrote novels.”

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“Both of them died a long time ago.”

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“Richard Wright was right there playing basketball last Saturday. He could slam dunk.”

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“He wrote because he loved writing. That’s what matters.”

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“Not if you broke.”

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# Partner reading

“Hip Hop Rules the World” - Locomotion (p. 70)

 Lamont is the main character in the poem.

 Read the poem silently to yourself.

When both you and your partner are ready, read the poem out loud together.

**One partner** will read the *italic print*.

The **other partner** will read the rest.

In this poem, Lamont says “Hey Dog! Guess who else is a poet now!” Which character do you think Lamont is talking to?

I think he might be talking to

Why do you think that?

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 Turn and talk with your partner.

→ Do you know someone like Lamont who writes rap lyrics? \_\_\_\_\_

→ Do you think rap lyrics are poetry? \_\_\_\_\_

→ Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you and your partner agree or disagree about this?

We agree about rap being (or not being) poetry

We disagree about rap being (or not being) poetry