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Poetry Analysis Worksheet—"Harlem" by Langston Hughes

Directions: View these short videos and take notes on important details, then read/annotate "Harlem" by Langston Hughes and complete the corresponding questions on this sheet.

Langston Hughes video link: <http://www.biography.com/people/langston-hughes-9346313>

Harlem Renaissance video link: <http://www.history.com/topics/harlem-renaissance/videos#the-harlem-renaissance>

1. Based on what you learned for the videos about Harlem Renaissance and Langston Hughes, why do you think the speaker feels compelled to speak out?

2. What is the tone of the poem at the:

Beginning:

End:

Overall:

3. What would you say is the thematic subject of the poem?

4. Write one line from the poem that you think shows the thematic subject or main conflict of the poem.

5. What kinds of patterns are there in the poem? Does it rhyme? Does it have a visual pattern? What does it look like? How does this influence the poem?

6. What images does the poet use to make his point?