

Dreams

Langston Hughes

**RECALL:**

Why did Langston Hughes write the poem?

Langston Hughes (the author) wrote Dreams to share the importance of having dreams. Without dreams, our lives do not feel complete. We do not have anything to work towards, so holding onto dreams strengthens and empowers us.

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Life is a broken-winged bird  
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Frozen with snow.

**LO: Identify the purpose of the poem.**

- Some will even explain the affect this has on the reader.
- Some will explain why the author used this feature.
- Most will identify the language feature included in the poem.
- All will identify what the poem is about.

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### Query 1: messages and advice.

1. What did Langston Hughes tell the reader to do at the beginning of the poem?
2. What did the author do at the beginning of the second verse?
3. Why did the author do this?
4. What affect does this have on the reader?