

Dreams

Langston Hughes

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That cannot fly.

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RECALL:

1. Can you think of two words that rhyme?
2. What does the word "repeat" mean?

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These are **metaphors** (a figure of speech that is used to make a comparison between two things that aren't alike but do have something in common).

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LO: Identify the writer's style.

- Some will even explain why an author chooses to write a short poem.
- Some will explain why an author repeats certain words.
- Most will compare and identify similarities.
- All will identify rhyming words.

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Query 2: Choice of words and layout.

1. What do the purple words have in common?
2. What is similar about the position of these words and the layout of the two verses?
3. Why did Langston repeat the word "dreams"?
4. Why did Langston Hughes write a short poem?