

Read. Think. Explain.

In trying to understand a poem, it's important to read it carefully and thoughtfully by focusing on the words the poet chose *and* by thinking about what the images in the poem represent. In this activity, you'll answer a series of questions about Langston Hughes's "Harlem Night Song" in order to grasp the poem's full meaning.

Directions: Answer the questions below, using information and details from the poem to back up your ideas.

1. How would you describe the mood of this poem?

2. What metaphor does the poet use? What does it mean?

3. What lines are repeated? Why do you think the poet repeated them?

4. How does the illustration add to this poem?
