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Surprise Me

Think about what you learned about Langston Hughes from this book. Can you name two or three facts you found most surprising? Write a short paragraph about each fact, describing what you found surprising and why.



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Say What?

Learning about American authors can mean learning a lot of new vocabulary. Find five words in this book you have never seen or heard before. Look them up in a dictionary to learn what they mean. Write down the meaning of each word, and use the word in a new sentence.



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Why Do I Care?

This book gave a lot of information on what Langston Hughes's life was like. How does the life of Hughes connect to your life? Do you like to read or write poetry and stories? Do you love jazz music? Do you enjoy traveling to distant countries? Maybe you had some childhood experiences like his. Maybe you, too, have been a victim of racism and it made you angry. Write a paragraph explaining why Langston Hughes matters to you.



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Another View

Langston Hughes wrote an autobiography, or book about his life, called *The Big Sea*. Find this book in the library and read a chapter or two. Then write a short essay comparing and contrasting his autobiography with this book. How is the story of his life different when it is told from his own point of view than when it is told from a modern author's point of view?