



10 Minute Learning Activity

Database: *Literature Online (Chadwyck-Healy)*

Subject Area/Topic: English/Poetry

Grade Level: 10

Essential Question: Where can I locate the poetry of Langston Hughes for an oral presentation and analysis on a title of my choice?

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Academic Content Standards:

Standard: Research

Benchmark:

- A. Formulate open-ended research questions suitable for investigation and adjust questions as necessary while research is conducted.
- B. Evaluate the usefulness and credibility of data and sources.
- C. Communicate findings, reporting on the substance and process orally, visually, and in writing through multimedia.

Grade Level Indicator:

1. Compose open-ended questions for research assigned or personal interest, and modify questions as necessary during inquiry and investigation to narrow the focus or extend the investigation.
2. Identify appropriate sources and gather relevant information from multiple sources (e.g. school library catalogs, online databases, electronic resources, and internet-based resources).
3. Use a variety of communication techniques including oral, visual, written, or multimedia reports to present information that supports a clear position about the topic or research question and to maintain an appropriate balance between researched information and original ideas.

Search Steps:

1. Type in the URL: www.infohio.org/ (If you are having problems accessing this site, ask your librarian or technology coordinator for assistance).
2. When you have reached the homepage, select “Resources for Grades 9-12”.
3. Under the column “Core Collection,” click the “Literature Online” button.
4. Click on “20th Century African American Poetry” from the full-text databases list.
5. In the “Search in:” box, click on the arrow and select “poet”. The box will say “full text” until you change it.
6. Type “Hughes, Langston” in the “Find:” box, then click the search button.
7. The record entitled The Collected Poems of Langston Hughes will appear on the screen. Click on “table of contents” to view the poems included in the book.
8. Scroll down the list and pick a poem of your choice. The full text of the poem will appear. For example, click on the poem “Dreams.” It is listed under “Poems 1921-1930”. Click on the poem to read one of Hughes’ more notable works.

Additional Comments on Search Process:

1. If you are having difficulty finding information during your search, you can click on “Multiple Collection Search” at the top of the page. This feature will allow you to add other collections or all of the collections to your search.
2. If you click on “Browse” at the top of the page, the database allows you to do a search based on the first letter in the name of the author or title of the work. This feature is helpful if you are unsure about a full name or title.