

"A Dream Deferred" Langston Hughes

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- #3 to #4 the two are similar in that the injustice makes the dreamer sick
- #3 is more extreme than #6 $\hat{=}$ #4 because the result of the loss of a dream is much more drastic - DEATH
- #8 is different from the other three in that the dreamer forgets the dream $\hat{=}$ begins indulging in the pleasures of life
- #10 is the most volatile of all because the dreamer turns violent ("EXPLODES") due to the injustice of the dream not being realized

Contrast



Include in

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Compare & Contrast the effectiveness of these similes.

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The Effectiveness & Why?

Effective figurative lang. should be clear & original.

#3 the idea of a dream not achieved & is dried up like a raisin created the illusion of bitterness & loss of faith (small heart)

#4 the dream in the person doesn't die, but the bitterness that it wasn't realized grows "festers" until that person is overcome by emotion because it was never fulfilled

#6 does the wasted dream make the life of the dreamer rotten

or

#8 does it make the dreamer strive for the dream through out his life

#10 its become a burden to the dreamer, much like a broken heart

#4 is more effective than #3 because it tells the reader that the dream doesn't die but festers in the heart of the dreamer - its all consuming

#8 is more effective than #6 because it shows that the dreamer still believes in the dream & the ability to fulfill it in time

#10 is effective all alone because it tells the reader what happens most of the time - the dream is a burden on the remaining years of his/her life

Which are more effective? why?

#2 What effect does the italicized last line create?

- emphasis
- special meaning

In what way could a dream LITERALLY explode?

- opinion
- react violently at the injustice of being held back from attaining their dream

"Dreams" Langston Hughes

#1 This poem is an extended metaphor — a comparison that is IMPLIED rather than STATED. Compare & Contrast the metaphors of each stanza.

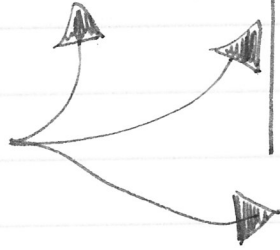
Compare

- both stanzas say that a dream should live

Contrast

- stanza #1 says that a dream should be lively, vital, & able to fly as far as the dreamer can take it
- stanza #2 says that a dream should grow with the dreamer & bear the fruit of the realization

How do the metaphors express the poet's ideas?



#2 Do you agree with the concept that life dies when a dream for one's life dies?

• opinion

Is it necessary to "hold fast" to dreams in order to survive?

• opinion

Is it possible for people to create new dreams?

• opinion

Grammar Ex. 634

Vocab 632

"The Sky is Low" Emily Dickinson

#1 Dickinson is somewhat humorously describing bad weather as Nature "Without her Diadem," but she is also talking about human behavior. What is she saying, especially in the second stanza?

Stanza 1

"low" the spirits or moral of a person

"mean" threatening of a bad mood

"debates" the tossing around before settling

Stanza 2

"A... complains" the mood may be light, but he's cold & sharp in tone/action

"Nature... Diadem" people are not always going to behave perfect!

See "Dreams"

for Grammar & Vocab!

Vocabulary

"A Dream Deferred" "Dreams" --- Langston Hughes

"The Sky Is Low" --- Emily Dickinson

AZURE --- (adj) --- Blue (627)

HOST --- (n) --- A great number (628)

GLEE --- (n) --- Lively joy, merriment (628)

PENSIVE --- (adj) --- Thinking deeply (628)

BLISS --- (n) --- Great joy and happiness (628)

DEFERRED --- (v) --- Put off until a future time (630)

FESTER --- (v) --- Form pus (630)

READING COMPREHENSION QUIZ

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2. Name one other thing that may happen to a dream that is placed
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3. In "The Sky Is Low," the weather is threatening _____ .

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1. If a dream is put aside, it might stink like a rotten

meat .

2. Name one other thing that may happen to a dream that is placed
aside. * explode * dried up rasin

* coats in sugar
* fester like a sore

3. In "The Sky Is Low," the weather is threatening Storm .