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“Harlem” Handout

Part 1: Analyze a Poem

Harlem

By Langston Hughes

What happens to a dream deferred?

Does it dry up
like a raisin in the sun?
Or fester like a sore—
And then run?
Does it stink like rotten meat?
Or crust and sugar over—
like a syrupy sweet?

Maybe it just sags
like a heavy load.

Or does it explode?

Part 2: Build a Poem

<i>Topic:</i>	
<i>My line of poetry:</i>	
<i>Underline the figurative language you included (simile, personification, or imagery).</i>	
<i>My small group's poem:</i>	<i>Our multi-stanza poem, with text features included:</i>