

Honors English III Assessment Prompt

Honors English III is a course which places an emphasis on the reading and analysis of complex literary works, including plays, novels, short stories, political documents, non-fictional pieces, and poetry.

This essay MUST be completed in your current English class. You MAY NOT complete it at home.

Please read the following poem, and in three to five paragraphs, explain the main idea of the poem, and how it is related to the American Dream. You should also address the following literary devices, and how they are used to illuminate the meaning of the poem: word choice, imagery, and the use of metaphor and simile.

A Dream Deferred

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?

WRITE YOUR RESPONSE ON COLLEGE RULED NOTEBOOK PAPER SUBMIT TO YOUR CURRENT ENGLISH TEACHER.

BE SURE TO PUT YOUR NAME ON THE ESSAY!!!!!!