

APRIL

WEEK 1

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AUTHOR FOCUS

LANGSTON HUGHES

MENTOR TEXT

THANK YOU MA'AM

BIO

BORN: FEB. 1, 1901

DIED: MAY 22, 1967

TIME PERIOD: HARLEM RENAISSANCE

INFLUENCERS: WALT WHITMAN; CARL
SANDBURG; PAUL LAURENCE DUNBAR AND
JAZZ MUSIC

TEXTS: NOVELS, SHORT STORIES, POETRY,
PROSE, AND PLAYS

FUN FACT: IN 2018, HIS BIRTHDAY WAS
CHANGED! WATCH THE INTRO VIDEO TO
LEARN MORE!



HARLEM RENAISSANCE (1918-1937)

- THE MOST INFLUENTIAL PERIOD IN AFRICAN AMERICAN LITERARY HISTORY
- CLOSE RELATIONSHIP TO CIVIL RIGHTS (USHER IN)
- FLOURISHED IN THE 1920'S AND HAD A "HOME" IN HARLEM
- MOVEMENT INCLUDED MUSIC, SUCH AS JAZZ AND BLUES, AND THEATRE

ASSIGNMENT

1. READ ABOUT THE AUTHOR AND TIME PERIOD.
2. READ *THANK YOU MA'AM* (YOU WILL NEED TO GET A COPY OFF LINE OR FROM THE LIBRARY).
3. FILL OUT THE THEME CHART AND POST YOUR RESPONSE TO OUR DISCUSSION BOARD.
1. SEE IF YOU CAN MAKE OUR LEADERBOARD IN A GAME OF KAHOOT! CLICK [HERE!](#)

Theme Worksheet

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A theme is the central idea in a work of literature. It's the message the author is trying to convey to the reader about LIFE. It is NOT a summary. An easy way to remember the definition of theme is

THE MESSAGE

To find the theme, you need to know...

Protagonist- the main character

Antagonist- the person, people or thing that causes problems for the protagonist.

Conflict- the main problem in the story

Resolution-Outcome of the conflict- how does the story resolve?

Theme is **NOT** one word.... Theme is the subject plus what the author wants to tell you about the subject. For instance, a theme cannot be "revenge" A theme has to be something like "revenge never wins." A theme is universal.

Directions: Fill in the chart below. Write a possible theme in the left column. In the right column, write in evidence from the text.

The theme of *Thank You Ma'am* is...

I know this because...put in information from the story that helps you prove this. This can be characters' actions, what they say, the conflict or how it resolved. What did the characters **LEARN?**