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Harlem Renaissance Open Response Question

Prompt:

You've read several poems written during the Harlem Renaissance. Each poem expressed a theme and most of those themes represented the days of slavery. Following is another poem written by Langston Hughes:

A. Compare/contrast the ideas and themes presented by "Democracy" and those presented by the other poems you've read.

B. Explain why "Democracy" is part of the Harlem Renaissance era.

Democracy

By Langston Hughes

Democracy will not come
Today, this year
Nor ever
Through compromise and fear.

I have as much right
As the other fellow has
To stand
On my two feet
And own the land.

I tire so of hearing people say,
Let things take their course.
Tomorrow is another day.
I do not need my freedom when I'm dead.
I cannot live on tomorrow's bread.

Freedom
Is a strong seed
Planted In a great need.
I live here, too.
I want freedom
Just as you.

DO WHAT?

What does the question ask me to DO?	WHAT do I know about it?

The following is the guide that will be used to evaluate your responses to the open-response question.

KENTUCKY GENERAL SCORING GUIDE

4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You complete all important components of the question and communicate ideas clearly. • You demonstrate in-depth understanding of the relevant concepts and/or processes. • Where appropriate, you choose more efficient and/or sophisticated processes. • Where appropriate, you offer insightful interpretations or extensions (generalizations, applications, analogies)
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You complete most important components of the question and communicate clearly. • You demonstrate an understanding of major concepts even though you overlook or misunderstand some less-important ideas or details.
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You complete some important components of the question and communicate those components clearly. • You demonstrate that there are gaps in your conceptual understanding.
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You show minimal understanding of the question. • You address only a small portion of the question.
0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your answer is totally incorrect or irrelevant.
Blank	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You did not give any answer at all.