



Topic: Level 1, 2, and 3 Questions

There are different levels of questions in terms of difficulty: Level 1, 2, and 3.



3 LEVELS OF QUESTIONING A TEXT: Langston Hughes Poetry

Title	Explicit:	Implicit:	Open-Ended:
	Right There What did text say ? (summary)	Between the Lines How did author do it? (writing/literary “tools”)	Beyond the Lines What does it mean ? (theme or message)
<i>The Negro Speaks of Rivers</i>	The narrator is describing his experiences on 4 different rivers: the Euphrates, the Congo, the Nile, and the Mississippi.	<p>The poem is a 1st person narrative. It includes repetition such as, “I’ve known rivers.”</p> <p>It also includes repetition of the simile that states, “My soul has grown deep like the rivers.”</p> <p>The poem is free verse, for it doesn’t rhyme.</p>	The poem’s message is that the African American’s history is rich and should be valued, beginning with the great Cradle of Civilization, in Africa, in Egypt, and then in America.
<i>Dreams</i>			

<i>Harlem</i> or <i>Dream Deferred</i>			
<i>I, Too</i>			
<i>Freedom's Plow</i>		This poem is called "Freedom's Plow" because the plow is a metaphor for	

What is the theme or message of the poem that you are writing?