

**Day 4: Thursday, August 29, and Friday,
August 30**

Using your detective skills read and mark (make your own) the poem on the next page. Write a response to the poem. Things to think about: what lines stand out, what images are powerful, how does the title affect the way you read the poem? Is there a way to connect this poem to your life? Have you ever had a dream not come true? What effect did it have on you? What kinds of dreams do you think this poem is referring to? What is the poem talking about?

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?