

K-Level Extension for English III – Edgenuity
April 20th

Conventions in American Poetry

Literary Text: “Harlem” and “The Weary Blues” by Langston Hughes

Read both poems.

Respond to the following questions:

- What common theme about the African-American experience does Langston Hughes develop in both poems?
- How does he convey the theme you identified? Consider poetic devices like imagery, repetition, rhythm, and speaker.
- Support your answer with text evidence from both poems.

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Directions: Follow the instructions for the RECORD and READ sections of the lesson. Then, follow the instructions below for the RESPOND section of the lesson.

RESPOND: Identifying Author’s Purpose

Today, we are going to identify the **author’s purpose**, or reason, for writing.

When you identify the author’s purpose, you make an assertion about **why** you think the author wrote the article. What do they hope to accomplish?

Common purposes for writing are:

- To inform
- To instruct
- To persuade
- To disprove
- To describe
- To narrate
- To demonstrate
- To compare and contrast
- To seek a solution to a problem
- To explain a process
- To classify
- To define
- To warn
- To evaluate
- To entertain
- To summarize

Before you make a determination about the author’s purpose, you need to consider the 3 points of the **rhetorical triangle**:

- The Speaker: What are their qualifications for writing about the topic?
- The Subject: What are they writing about?
- The Audience: Who are they writing for?

*Why do **YOU** think Cory Stieg wrote the article “Why video games like The Sims and Animal Crossing are so soothing right now”? What did he hope to accomplish?*

Write a paragraph that makes an assertion about the author’s purpose for writing “Why video games like The Sims and Animal Crossing are so soothing right now.” Use text evidence from the article to support your assertion.

Remember to document text evidence correctly by using quotation marks:

I.e.: The author asserts that, “The coronavirus outbreak is affecting many different parts of the world’s economy.”