Poetry Portfolio Unit

Langston Hughes

*The Dream Keeper and Other Poems*

*April Rain Song* (page 6)

*April Rain Song* is a wonderful example of an auditory poem. It is full of both sounds in content and word choice. After reading the poem multiple times to get a feel for the sounds, answer the following questions. We will then complete an activity at the end.

1. What sounds can you hear in the poem?
2. What sounds does Hughes tell about?
3. What kinds of sounds does he **show**?

Activity: In a small group, you are going to perform this poem. To make the poetry reading more interesting, you have to create a background noise to incorporate into your performance. Your background noise cannot include an technology. It must be made using your voices and other things found in the classroom. Good luck!!!