Poetry Portfolio Unit

Langston Hughes

*The Dream Keeper and Other Poems*

*Dreams* (page 4)

After reading the poem *Dreams* in class, answer the following questions on your own. You may use your answers when writing your reflection for your poetry assignment(s).

**First, what is a metaphor? :**

1. What is a broken wing?

2. Why do birds need wings?

3. What are birds meant to do?

4. What are we meant to do?

5. What is a barren field?

6. What is its opposite?

7. This poem shows what you can say about something by talking about what it is **not**. What does Hughes say about people and dreams by describing life **without** dreams?