Poetry Portfolio Unit

Langston Hughes

*The Dream Keeper and Other Poems*

Assignment #2

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In class, we read the poem *Dreams* and discussed the idea of metaphors as well as showing what you can say about something by saying what it is **not**. Using your theme as a basis, create a poem in which you describe something by telling what it **isn’t**. You must also meet the following requirements:

* Typed; any size, any font (as long as I can read it!)
* A title that fits the content
* 2 stanzas; four lines each
* A rhyme scheme that matches *Dreams* (ABCB….)
* A 1-2 paragraph, typed explanation/reflection of the following:
  + How are you describing something in your poem by telling the reader what it is **not?**
  + How does your poem fit your theme?

The typed reflections will be required of EACH poetry assignment and are a vital part of your final portfolio. These must be typed, but can be included at the bottom of the document you typed your poem on. Please make sure you are careful to use accurate spelling, punctuation, and grammar. Also, make sure your reflections are written in paragraph format (topic sentence, concluding sentence, etc.). If your reflection is not satisfactory, you will be required to make the necessary adjustments before credit will be assigned.