Aim: Why would Steinbeck

Present Such a Pessimistic

View on The American Dream?

Quick Write:

* What's one dream of yourstrat's

likely to be impossible?

* What's a dream of yours that is

* bo you think Lennie + George's dream

ever had a shot? * why? Wy not?

Langston Hughes - Dream Deferred

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?

Imagery - writing that appeals to any combination of the five senses...

1. Draw a sketch that can help explain this poem.

- List three different images used in the poem. Then list which sense is appealed to.
 Hit on three different senses.
- 3. Based on the definition below, what is this poem about? Deferred to put off until a later time

- 4. What do you believe is the most important word in the poem? Why?
- 5. When Langston Hughes first wrote this poem in 1926, he entitled it "Harlem," which was his neighborhood.

Why would this title have fit for him at the time?

6. How can we relate this poem to Of Mice and Men?

Langston Hughes (February 1, 1902 – May 22, 1967) was an American poet, social activist, novelist, playwright, and columnist. He was one of the earliest innovators of the then-new literary art form jazz poetry. Hughes is best known for his work during the Harlem Renaissance. Before moving to Harlem, Hughes faced trouble fitting is, as he was the child of mixed race. He famously wrote about the period that "the negro was in vogue" which was later paraphrased as "when Harlem was in vogue".

