

"Dream Deferred?" - "put off to a later time"  
Langston Hughes

Annotate with "dream that has been delayed (put off)" in mind  
What happens to a dream deferred?

Does it dry up

SIM

Like a raisin in the sun?

repulsive!

Or fester like a sore— SIM

can't stop thinking about it - annoys

And then run? CONN.

Does it stink like rotten meat? SIM

Or crust and sugar over—

Like a syrupy sweet? SIM

Maybe it just sags

needs support!

Like a heavy load. SIM

SAGS (hope lost)

Or does it explode? CONN

EXPLODES (destroyed)

Read through poem (first read).  
#lines and annotate for meaning.

Identify similes & symbols

Literary Device: Symbolism

1. Identify the symbols in the poem and give the symbol's meaning.

2. How do these symbols contribute to the meaning of the poem?

"Raisin in the sun" raisin loses its moisture & is ruined, like dream/hope is ruined (no more)  
"A sore" - constantly focused on lost hope / reminded like a festering sore reminds of wound  
"Rotten meat" festering sore reminds of wound  
↳ stinks, is eventually tossed as rubbish

3. What words have connotation and what is the double meaning of the word?

running sore (run) explode (neg) like balloon popping

4. How does the author's word choice impact the poem? (What OTHER words not already mentioned...impact the poem?)

Crust & sugar over ... sugar is sweet but lost hope is not

sags - picture tiredness or slumped shoulders

lost hope - stages

1. dries up (deferred)

2. always on mind

3. stinks, becomes repulsive

4. Burdens, saddens video link

5. Explodes - all hope is lost

This poem was written by Langston Hughes during the Harlem Renaissance?

Now that you know the history surrounding this poem, how does it affect (change) your interpretation of the poem's meaning?

forgot to long  
connotes burden, sadness