

Process Paper

Our group emphasized on finding distinctive methods of communicating that weren't well heard of. We all thought of the idea about poems from the Harlem Renaissance since we have heard very famous ones during the Black Lives Matter Movement. We found this topic perfect because of the profound ways the poets used poems to communicate the life, struggles and cultural aspects of being an African-American during this time in such a poignant yet tranquil manner. We were very enthusiastic about this topic since we all found the poems quite intense and very enjoyable to decipher the messages being communicated.

The research that we conducted heavily relied on collections of poems that were made during the specific time of 1920-1930, which is when the most poems appeared in newspapers such as *The Crisis* and *Opportunity*. We also used databases to find more information about the poets and their impacts with their poems, but also as well for explanations towards each poem created. We found books that contained collections of the poets poems, and had an introduction about the impact and legacy they left with their poems. We also found articles that helped explain how the Renaissance began, ended and it's contributions today.

We created our project on a website since we all took a computer class in middle school which taught us how to create our own website, coding and the basic foundation of working on a website. We decide that a website would be the best option to improve our coding skills and to learn more about them. Creating the project on a website was a challenge for ourselves in increasing our knowledge, skills, and abilities. We created our project including the information found in databases, websites, and books and adding it to their specific categories. We added the information by using quotes, pictures, and regular text. We completed the project by dividing the work between each other.

Our historical argument for this topic is claiming that the poems created during the Harlem Renaissance are a very pivotal and peculiar form of communication, wherein areas allowed for creativity and imagination as a contribution in explaining life, culture and problems as an African American. Further along, these poems are later used as an influencing form of communication in present day situations, which reminds others that there is more than one way of communicating others with words instead of directly communicating or confronting a message, a person can easily create an image in a person's mind.

Our topic has a significant impact in history by changing the way people can perceive different manners of communication to one another with just a simple poem. Our topic really emphasizes the change in understanding and deciphering poems, one needs in order to get the message across from the author. Furthermore, our topic was about the Harlem Renaissance's poems, it made a more severe impact because the poems were made by African-Americans females and males who finally started to get more rights and freedom.