**Civil Rights Movement**

*Directions: Answer the following questions about “Mother to Son” and “Harlem (A Dream Deferred)”.*

1. First read “Mother to Son.” First, summarize the poem in 2-3 sentences. Then use the following chart to organize two lines of the poem’s literal and deeper meanings – differences in connotation/denotation.

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| line # | literal meaning | deeper meaning |
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2. Discuss the poem’s choices in poetic language. What effect do these features have on the poem’s tone, mood, and message?

3. Now read “Harlem.” First, summarize the poem in 2-3 sentences. Then use the following chart to organize two lines of the poem’s literal and deeper meanings – differences in connotation/denotation.

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| line # | literal meaning | deeper meaning |
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4. Discuss the poem’s choices in poetic language. What effect do these features have on the poem’s tone, mood, and message?

5. Considering the 30-year difference in the writing (publishing) of these two poems, is there a difference in regards to the idea of the American Dream?