

There Was a Party for Langston

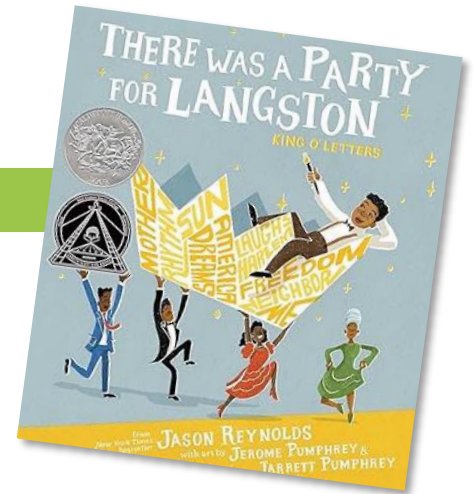
READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: Celebration, Music, Black History

Book Brief: Back in the day, there was a heckuva party, a jam, for a word-making man. The King of Letters. Langston Hughes.

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BEFORE READING

The Cover: Preview the cover of the story. Ask, “What do you think this story is going to be about?”

The Pictures: Flip through some of the illustrations. Ask students what they notice.

Prior Knowledge: Watch a short video of Langston Hughes’ music.

Vocabulary: Frontload Tier 2 vocabulary words using the accompanying [Vocabulary Guide](#).

Purpose for Reading: “As we read, think about how Langston helped bring people together.”

DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- Why was Langston considered to be the king of letters?
- How do you think Langston felt about the party being thrown for him?
- What made Langston special or unique?

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: How did Langston Hughes bring people together?

Extending Our Thinking: This book was inspired by a photograph. Tell students to think of their favorite photograph and using [RIF's Writing Template](#), write a short story about it.

If your students enjoyed this book...

- Encourage them to continue to discuss it and refer to it in other lessons and conversations.
- Let them explore more about the topic by reading other books with similar themes, structure, characters, or content.