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Vocabulary Quiz: As I Grew Older *by Langston Hughes*

*Fill in **10** spaces in the cloze below. Use the words in the word bank to help you. (10 points each)*

לא עוד, כבר לא	מכשול	להתגבר על	עלה	ייאוש	צל
אפליה	לנפץ	דעה קדומה	גזענות	להגשים חלום	עבה, רחב

In the poem "As I Grew Older" the poet begins by telling us about a dream he had a long time ago. Then, slowly, a wall (1)_____ between him and his dream. The wall was very high and (2)_____ and after a while he (3)_____ could see his dream because of it. We can understand that the wall is a symbol of an (4)_____ - something that stopped him from being able to (5)_____. When he says, "I am black," we understand that what stopped him was (6)_____ and (7)_____. He becomes passive- he lies down in the (8)_____ of the wall because he feels hopelessness and (9) _____. Then he looks at his hands and tells them to break through the wall and to (10)_____ the darkness. He understands that he needs to fight in order to (11)_____ whatever is stopping him from making his dream come true.