

I, TOO by Langston Hughes.

Read the poem I, Too in your book page 109:

1. Tick the right answer :

The poem is about :

women's rights part-time jobs
 racial discrimination slavery

2. Pick out words or expressions in the poem meaning that:

- The speaker is a black American:
- He is rejected:
- He feels patriotic:
- He is quite optimistic about the future:

3. Choose the right answer:

- The speaker is a rich man a servant a singer
 he wants to become an American citizen an activist
 a journalist
- the pronoun "they" refers to
 policemen black people white people
- "They" will be ashamed of
 their history their skin their country

4. Find the three main themes in the poem and write them in the box: (war / hope / violence / strength / education / unity)

Justify your choices by quoting the poem:

•Theme 1:

•Theme 2:

•Theme 3:

[Read the poem](#)

I, Too

By Langston Hughes

Langston Hughes is a very famous American poet. His poetry brought dignity and beauty to ordinary black life. Jazz and blues inspired his writing.

I, Too, sing America.

I am the darker brother.
They send me to eat in the kitchen
When company comes,
But I laugh,
And eat well,
And grow strong.

Tomorrow,
I'll eat at the table
When company comes.
Nobody'll dare
Say to me,
"Eat in the kitchen,"
Then.

Tomorrow,
They'll see how beautiful I am
And be ashamed—

I, Too, am America.



A watercolor illustration of a black woman in a blue dress, bent over a yellow tub, washing laundry. She is in a kitchen with a window showing a cityscape.