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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.