

Writing Activity: Creating Word Pictures

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Directions: Based on what you have read so far, **describe** Harlem and its people as they were during the Harlem Renaissance period. Use sensory images to make your description come alive for the reader.

Begin by thinking about some of the people described in the prose selections from this cluster. You may want to complete a chart like the one on the following screens to help you get started. An example has been done for you.

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Selection	People	Descriptions
Seventh Avenue: The Great Black Way	<i>young men</i>	<i>wearing evening clothes, jaunty derbies, colored shirts</i>
Laundry Worker's Choir		

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Selection	People	Descriptions
The Typewriter		
Rent Parties		

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Second, think of sensory images that describe the city of Harlem. Use the following lines to write any words that come to mind about what Harlem might have felt, looked, smelled, and sounded like.

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Finally, complete your description of Harlem and its people. Remember to use words that evoke touch, taste, smell, sight, and sound for the reader.

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A good description

- uses fresh, original language
- contains sensory images