

Writing Activity: Encounter with the Past

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Directions: If you had been alive during the Harlem Renaissance, which of these authors would you most like to have met? Write at least one paragraph explaining your choice.

In order to decide which author you would most like to have met, you may want to skim back over the selections in both Clusters One and Two. Then use the list on the following screens to help you decide which author to choose and to help you write your explanation of your choice.

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Which selection is my favorite?

What is the message of the selection?

Why do I agree or disagree with this message?

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What three words describe the writer's style?

What do I know about this author?

What do I think he or she might look or act like?

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If I were a newspaper reporter interviewing this author, what three questions would I ask?

What might I like to do with this person if I had a chance (go out to eat, listen to music, etc.)?

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Now write at least a paragraph explaining your choice.

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An effective explanation should

- tell how you made your choice
- describe your imaginary encounter
- include questions you would like to ask the author