**Creative Writing – Mrs. Hadden Assignment week of April 13th-17th**

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**Directions**: Read the following poem and answer the reflection questions.

**“Mother to Son” by Langston Hughes**

Well, son, I'll tell you:  
Life for me ain't been no crystal stair.  
It's had tacks in it,  
And splinters,  
And boards torn up,  
And places with no carpet on the floor—  
Bare.  
But all the time  
I'se been a-climbin' on,  
And reachin' landin's,  
And turnin' corners,  
And sometimes goin' in the dark  
Where there ain't been no light.  
So, boy, don't you turn back.  
Don't you set down on the steps.  
'Cause you finds it's kinder hard.  
Don't you fall now—  
For I'se still goin', honey,  
I'se still climbin',  
And life for me ain't been no crystal stair.

1. What’s your initial reaction to the poem? Can you relate to it at all? Explain.
2. List two examples of imagery from the poem.
3. What is the mood of the poem? (How does it make you feel)
4. Who is the speaker of the poem?
5. What structural or stylistic techniques does the poet use?
6. What is the message of the poem?