

Langston Hughes viewed his position in society as an American, but isn't treated like an American just because of his skin color. Even though he is a servant and gets forced to hide in the kitchen when company is over he stays proud of who he is and says "They send me to eat in the kitchen, but I laugh, and eat well, and grow strong." This means he is not ashamed of who he is but proud of who he is. Langston Hughes says, "Tomorrow I will sit at the table and they will see how beautiful I am." Langston Hughes thinks that even though he isn't treated American he doesn't care and sees himself as American. Langston Hughes is trying to say that even if the color of someone's skin is different but they are an American citizen they should be treated the same way as anyone else.

Red – claim – explicitly and clearly answers prompt question.

Blue – text examples and explanations – quotes text and then explains what quotes mean and how they relate to main point about pride.

Green – concluding ideas – what is the author really saying and why does it matter?