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Figurative Language: Actions

The fourth stanza of “She Had Some Horses” describes horses performing lots of different actions. Since horses cannot really do all these things, we know Harjo must be using figurative language. She may also be reminding readers that the horses represent different parts of the woman in the poem. Use your best interpreting skills to decide what the figurative language in this stanza might mean. You may refer to the poem as you work.

1. What are some possible figurative meanings for “danced in their mothers’ arms”?

2. What are some possible figurative meanings for “thought they were the sun and their bodies shone and burned like stars”?
