## Understanding the Impact of Setting and Historical Background in Literature

EQ: How does knowledge of the historical context of a piece of literature help my understanding of the text?

## Author Investigation:

- Describe Myers's background.
- How might these details impact his memoir, *Bad Boy*?

## The History of the Harlem Renaissance:

- When/why did the Great Migration occur?
- What is the Harlem Renaissance?
- What impact did the Harlem Renaissance have on black Americans?

| Art  | Music  | Literature  |
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| What do the paintings have in common?          | How would you describe the sounds of the artists?  | How do the words of the poems compare to the lyrics in the music?                     |
| How do the artists draw on historical context? | <ul> <li>How are the sounds of the different artists similar and different?</li> <li>Study the lyrics. What are some common themes?</li> </ul> | What are some common<br>themes/ideas presented in the<br>writings of the time period? |