Abstract: Women of the Harlem Renaissance (II)

The purpose of this unit is to explore the women writers of the Harlem Renaissance. Students will be introduced to a variety of different genre, all written by women. They will explore the different messages that women were trying to express through their writing. Poetry, short stories, and poems will be read and analyzed during this unit. Women of the Harlem Renaissance will be taught to an eighth grade language arts class. After a brief introduction to the history of the Harlem Renaissance, the group will begin by reading essays about the “New Negro”. After students are comfortable with the idea that African American writers were experiencing a new platform for their writing, students will be introduced to female writers from the time period.