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No negroes allowed here [Poem]

"No Negroes Allowed Here" by Joseph Amiel
Class VI-M

A negro is not safe now below that Dixie Line
Because a lot of silly people have got a lot of
twisted minds.

Even in our capital there's wrong and lies and
hate.

A negro can't go with a girl to the movies on a
date.

Without a sign upon the wall reading, "No
Negroes Allowed Here."

And then the girl looks at her mate and sheds
a sorrowful tear.

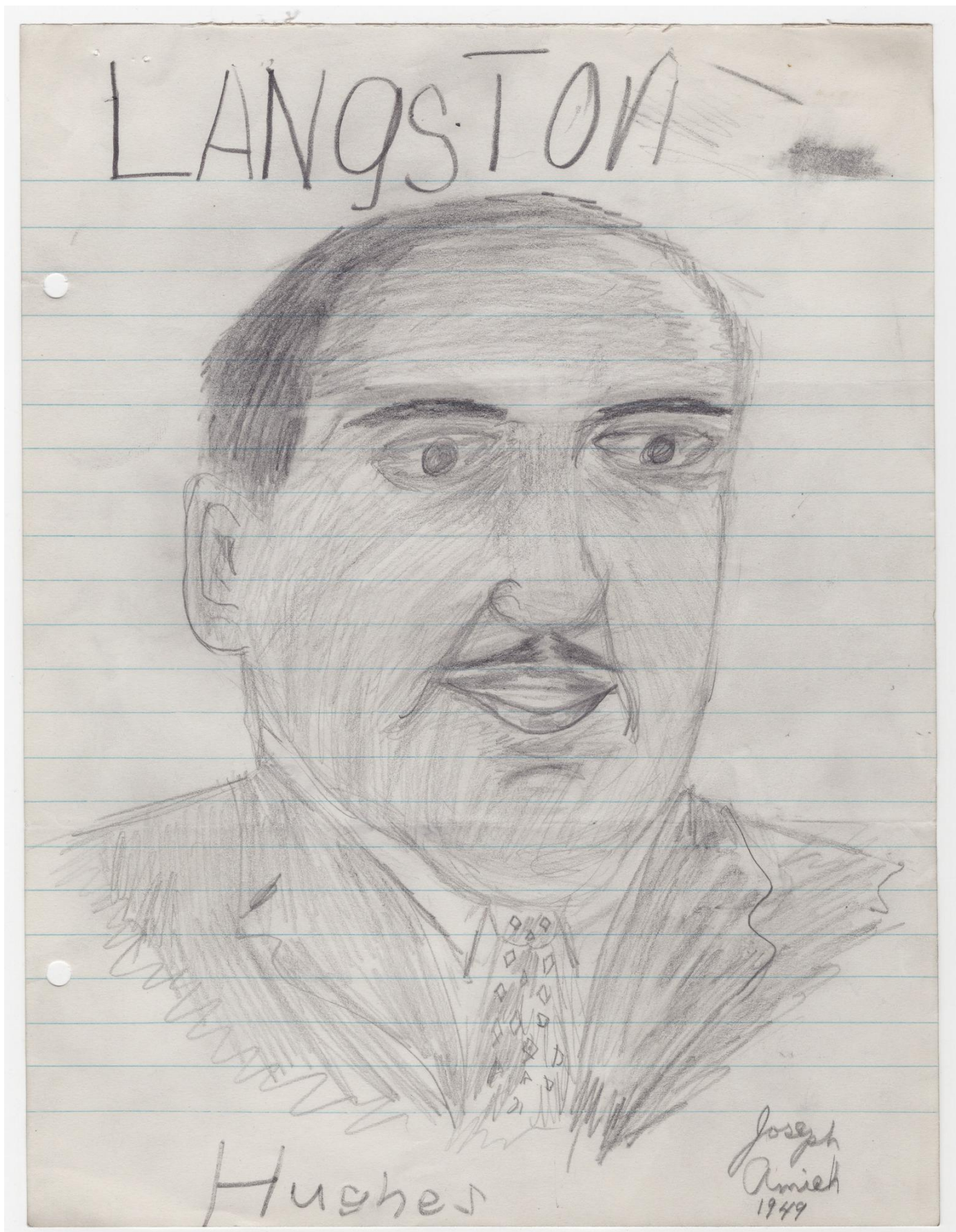
And looks again at that sign, "No Negroes
Allowed Here."

There's prejudice in La., in Texas, Georgia, too.
Mississippi, Alabama, maybe your state, too.
What difference does it make if skin is black
or white?

What difference does it make if skin is dark
or light?

Let's take down those walls of hate and fear,
And the sign that says, "No Negroes Allowed Here."

[Portrait of Langston Hughes] recto



[Portrait of Langston Hughes] verso

