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EXPLORING THE WRITING PROCESS WITH PRIMARY SOURCE MATERIALS



Lesson Topic: Revision

Primary Source: *Drafts of Langston Hughes's poem "Ballad of Booker T.," 30 May-1 June. 30-31 May first and second drafts; 1 June 1, 1941. Manuscript/Mixed Material.*
<https://www.loc.gov/item/mcc.024/>.

Directions: As you read Langston Hughes’s drafts of “*Ballad of Booker T.*”, complete the chart below. An example has been completed for you. You will be looking at both draft #1 and draft #2 (images 1 and 2) and considering why the poet made the revisions.

Line(s) #	Revision Draft #1 (Image #1)	Revision Draft #2 (Image #2)	Why did the poet make this/these revision(s)?
1 - 4	Removed a “.”, added “and”	Removed the word “old”	Improve the rhythm of the poem Make the subject a younger man

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