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**Grade 7: Lesson 18** Understand the meaning of the poem, “Calling Dreams,” and analyze how the structure and language help to convey the theme.

**Calling Dreams”**  
**By Georgia Douglas Johnson**

The right to make my dreams come true  
I ask, nay, I demand of life,  
Nor shall fate's deadly contraband  
Impede my steps, nor countermand.

Too long my heart against the ground  
Has beat the dusty years around,  
And now, at length, I rise, I wake!  
And stride into the morning break!

**Note Catcher**

<u>Gist</u>	
<u>Structure</u>	<u>Language</u>
<u>Theme</u>	

**Independent Practice:** Write a paragraph explaining how Georgia Douglas Johnson uses structure and language to develop a theme in “Calling Dreams.”