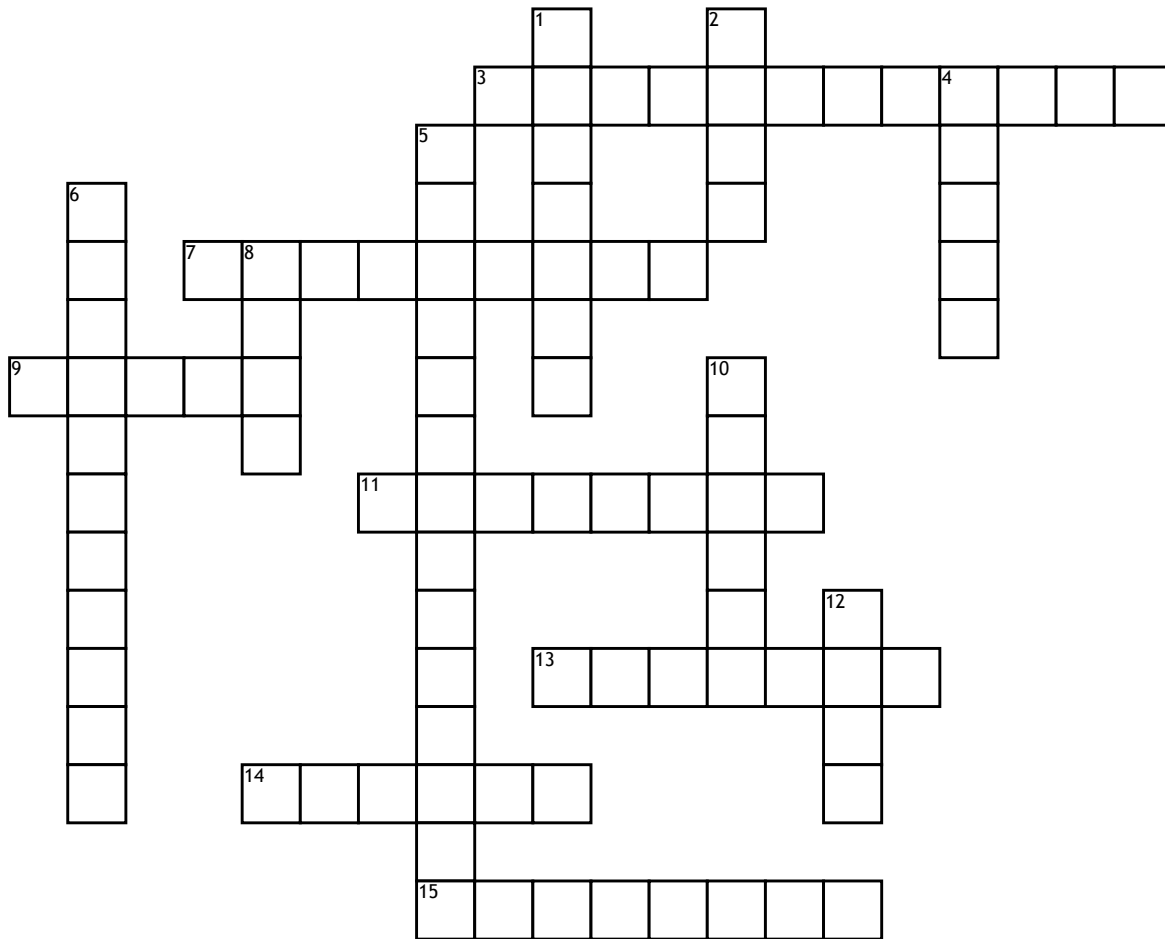


Mother to Son



Across

3. In this poem, boards with “tacks and splinters” and “boards torn up” are symbols for?

7. a thin, sharp piece of something that has broken off a larger piece

9. This pertains to the message/moral of the story.

11. What is the most likely age of the son?

13. It is the word used by Hughes to describe the stairway

14. Who is the one giving the advice in the poem?

15. word used to describe the wisdom the mother is trying to impart to her son

Down

1. The style of language used in the poem, which is particular to a particular cultural or geographic region, is known as?

2. In the first seven lines, to what is Hughes comparing a stairway with “tacks in it and splinters?”

4. a small short sharp-pointed nail usually having a broad flat head

5. Author of the poem Mother to Son

6. . It is a poem about a mother letting her son know that life is not going to be easy, but that he shouldn't give up because if she can do it, so can he.

8. Mother to Son is an example of?

10. What might “reachin’ landin’s” pertain to?

12. not having any covering