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Poetry related to *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*

Directions: Read the poem “I, too, Sing America” by Langston Hughes using the “Approach to Reading Poetry” worksheet you have from class. **Spend time reading the poem for pleasure, both silently and aloud, before you begin to analyze it.** Answer the following questions in complete sentence, except for number one.

1. Think about the title of the poem. What questions might the poem’s title raise? List three:

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2. What is the **tone** of this poem? Give specific evidence from the poem to support your answer.

3. What experiences might the author have had that influenced his writing of the poem?

4. The poem begins and ends with very similar sentences. What might the author’s purpose have been in using this repetition?

5. In the poem, the word **table** can be understood literally and figuratively. How might “table” be used **as a metaphor** to describe something bigger and more important than a four-legged piece of furniture? In other words, what might the author be referring to when he says, “I’ll be at the **table**”?

6. Read “I Hear America Singing” by Walt Whitman. How does the tone of each poem **differ**? Give **specific evidence** from the poem to support your answer.