Comparing two poems on American experience: "I Hear America Singing" and "I, Too, Sing America"

DIRECTIONS: In "I Hear America Singing" by Walt Whitman and "I, Too, Sing America" by Langston Hughes, the two poets wrote about distinctly American themes. In what ways were their approaches similar? In what ways were they different?

Find words or lines in "I Hear America Singing" and "I, Too, Sing America" to support the statements indicated in the chart below. Fill in the appropriate box with the evidence you gather. You may find that a few of the statements are not supported by evidence in the poem at all. Or, they may be contradicted by the poem. If the detail given is not supported or is contradicted, check the box in the far right-hand column.

Name

Date

Statement	"I Hear America Singing"	"I, Too, Sing America"	Not in Either
	(Supply supporting evidence	(Supply supporting evidence	Poem
	from poem)	from poem)	(check box)
The poem relates a personal			
experience.			
The poem relates common			
experiences.			
The poet explicitly states the			
message of the poem.			
The poem describes a variety			
of events, many of which			
could be happening at			
the same time.			
The poet uses			
elevated language.			
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The poet uses the language of the poem's subjects.			
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