Unit: South Africa

Only A.... Two-Voice Poem

A two-voice poem is a poem written in two columns, where two different perspectives are explored as in a dialogue. The purpose of a two-voice poem is to show the different perspectives as well as similarities of two sides. These poems are meant to be read out loud, in pairs, where the voices alternate/take turns, and sometimes meet to speak lines in unison.

Your poem should explore the inner world of the girls and the older woman in "Only A...". Include lines from the story as well as your own words to accomplish this. Challenge yourself to look beneath the surface of this story. Allude to larger issues at play in South African history, or the human experience, and don't be afraid to use figurative language (symbols, metaphors, similes, personification).

	Exceeds (20)	Meets (16)	Approaching (12)	Below (8)
Purpose	Shows insight into the character's motivation and the significance of the events. Analyzes some larger concept or theme. (5)	Focus of poem is clear. Analyzes some larger concept or theme. (4)	Establishes adequate context. Focus is mostly consistent throughout the poem. (3)	Focus is unclear. (2)
Organization	Has clear consistent unity and coherence. Conclusion produces an emotional effect upon the reader. (5)	Has clear consistent unity and coherence. (4)	Presents poem as listing - little coherence. (3)	Poem leaves reader with a sense of incompletenes s. (2)
Voice	Each voice is appropriate to character. Uses lively and concrete language (e.g., strong verbs, sensory images, and similes, and metaphors, etc.) that invite reader to reflect on significance of events. (5)	Each voice is appropriate to character. Language is powerful and precise (use of strong verbs, sensory images). Uses at least one metaphor or simile. (4)	Presents characters in somewhat stereotypcial fashion. Uses predictable, vague or cliche words. (3)	Presentation of character's thoughts/feelin gs remains at most shallow level. Uses predictable, vague or cliche words. Other inappropriate word choice. (2)
Detail/Content	Uses appropriate quotes from text. (5)	Uses at least one appropriate quote from text. (4)	Does not include quotes from text. Includes accurate, but minimal details. (3)	Does not include quotes from text. Some content is inaccurate. (2)

I am Martin Luther King, Jr.	I am Malcom X
We believe in black rights ***That we never did get***	***We believe in black rights*** ***That we never did get***
Preaching Our thoughts ***Our intelligence***	***Preaching*** ***Our intelligence*** Our beliefs
	"Dr. King wants the same thing I want Freedom... Now we may differ in method But that does not mean we differ in ***Objective"***
Objective	
"The only weapon we have in our hands is the weapon of protest... In spite of our mistreatment, We must not become bitter And end up hating our white brothers..."	
	"Our goal is to bring about the complete independence of people of African descent in the Western Hemisphere and here in the United States, and to bring about the freedom of these people by any means necessary..."
"I have a dream that one day This nation will rise up and live out The true meaning of its creed... That all men are created equal..."	
Non-Violence Integration	
	Violence Segregation We should start a colony in Africa .
We should live out the statement that "All men are created equal."	
Freedom is all we ask for.	***Freedom is all we ask for.***