

Worksheet 5

Comparison: Two Inaugural Poems

Elizabeth Alexander’s “Praise Song for the Day” and Richard Blanco’s “One Today”

Student Name _____ Date _____

Compare the styles of these two poetic works, which were composed for the two inauguration ceremonies of President Obama and delivered by the poet authors on those occasions:

- Elizabeth Alexander’s inaugural poem, “[Praise Song for the Day](#),” delivered in 2009
- Richard Blanco’s inaugural poem, “[One Today](#),” delivered in 2013

Elizabeth Alexander’s “Praise Song for the Day”		Richard Blanco’s “One Today”
Differences	Similarities	Differences