

Writing Rubric for Two Voice Poem

Criteria of effective writing	Weight: 10 pts.	Comments
<p>Ideas/Content Includes...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • focus on a common topic/main idea, which is clearly evident • quotes used as supporting evidence (at least two for each character) • opposing ideas expressed by the two characters or • expresses unique characteristics of each “voice” 		
<p>Organization / Sentence Fluency Includes...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cohesive flow • characters responding to each other 		
<p>Voice / Word Choice Includes...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distinct consistent voices of two characters from the resources. • accurate reflection of the characters’ qualities and mood • Creates a chorus of something they have in common 		
<p>Conventions [Spelling, punctuation, grammar] Includes...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grammar that is standardized/conventional or specifically reflects the grammar used in the novel by the character • logical punctuation and spelling used; otherwise, few to no conventional spelling & punctuation errors unless indicated by “[sic]” 		
<p>Written Presentation Includes...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>minimum</i> 6 lines for each character <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes similar “Chorus” • Identifies challenges, hardships, and main ideas of characters 		
<p>Oral Presentation Includes....</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation by both students • Clear enunciation of words • Shows similarities and differences in characterization • Eye contact • Verbal poetry flow 		

Poem with Two Voices

What is it?

This is a poem written and performed by two people. The poem usually has two columns -one for each person reading the poem. More interesting poems have a refrain throughout the poem that both participants would say together. If done correctly the poem sounds like a dialogue between two people.

How do I write a poem for two voices?

A topic should be provided for the students. The best choices are primary source materials or visual images that can help generate ideas. With a writing partner begin to generate words/phrases that come to mind when reading a document or analyzing an image. Then students begin to craft the poem in two columns keeping in the back of your mind a possible refrain for your poem. You can also start with a Venn diagram graphic organizer.

How is a poem with two voices performed?

Students in teams of two stand and recite their poem. It helps if they are side by side so they can read off of the same document. You will be amazed at the skills of your students.

Example...

	MONEY	
A YOUNG BOY		AN OLD TOWN
ONE FROM THE NORTH		ONE FROM THE SOUTH
	MONEY	
TOOK A DARE FROM HIS FRIENDS		"TOWNY" FRIENDS MET THE DARE
JUST WANTED TO SAY HI		MADE SURE HE SAID GOODBYE
	MONEY	
EMMITT TILL		CAROLYN BRYANT
	LIVES LOST	
	MONEY, MISSISSIPPI	