After watching a movie or listening to a TEDtalk or reading a piece of literature, a poem, or any other piece of writing, fill in the chart below. When complete, file into your “Inquiry” folder OR print and keep for future reference. You teacher may ask to keep your work as an example to expand understanding in the class

**Title** I Too Sing America **Your name:** Hanna Hosseinzadeh

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| **Which Essential Question(s) is addressed in this piece of literature?** | **Content:**   1. What happens in the text/movie/Talk? 2. What is the main message/theme? | **Understanding:**  How does the text answer the EQ?  *Answer in full sentences. Record relevant quotes and page numbers/lines if needed.* |
| * Are all human beings being treated the same in the 21st century? Is everyone accepted? * How can we create peace, not war? | a) The speaker claims that he sings America. He is the “darker brother” who is sent to eat in the kitchen when there are guests visiting. However, he does laugh and eats well and grows bigger and stronger. Tomorrow, he will sit at the table when the guests come, and no one will dare to tell him to eat in the kitchen. They will see his beauty and be ashamed, for, as he claims, “I, too, am America.”  b) In the poem; I Too Sing America, the speaker begins by declaring that he too can “sing America.” Which means that he is claiming his right to feel patriotic towards America, even though he is the “darker” brother who cannot sit at the table and must eat in the kitchen. | Both questions are very similar to the text, the first question, “Are all human beings being treated the same in the 21st century? Is everyone accepted?” This ties in to the poem because in the test, the speaker was definetley not accepted and treated the same, he was sent to the kitchen to eat his food because he’s the “darker” brother. I would say that it is definetely better now compared to the 1900’s because slavery like that doesn’t exist anymore but not everyone is accepted. Some people still like to think they are superior to others and have power over them but I treat everyone the same because in my eyes, everyone is equal and the colour of your skin shouldn’t represent your rights. The second question is, “How can we create peace, not war?” Well, this ties in because even though there isn’t an actual “war,” there still isn’t peace between white and black people so if everyone learns to accept one another and really treat everyone the same, not judge them on where they come from or what the colour of their skin is, then I think that that would conclude in a world where peace exists. I think everyone has to do a better job of respecting one another and not feeling superior to others. |