

Open Response

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A. The ideas and themes from Langston's poem "Democracy" is similar to other poem's of the Harlem Renaissance era. They are all mainly about freedom of African Americans, and their feelings; how they suffer and bleed just like everyone else, but how they are presented is very different. This poem is very blunt, just outright talking about freedom and how they are repressed, but in the poem "I, Too" everything is symbolized through this one African American who can't eat at the kitchen table only when guests are here because the people of the house (who are white) are ashamed.

B. This poem is from the Harlem Renaissance era because, for one, it is written by Langston Hughes, who was one of the most famous writers of that time. He is also an African American writing about freedom and the everyday struggles that he and the rest of the African American community are fighting every day, which is a common theme during that time.

Wow! This is really good!
 Your answers are well thought out and include all important parts of the questions.