

Figure 2. ELA compare and contrast poem

LONNIE (*Hoops*) and Me

We are two kids trying to make it to the NBA.

I am about to graduate from middle school.	I am about to graduate from high school.
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And play basketball for

My high school	My college
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I'm kind of scared, not knowing if

I'm going to play varsity or JV.	I'm going to start on a good team.
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Right now,

I'm getting ready for my eighth-grade dance.	I'm getting ready for my Senior Prom.
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I'm just a boy, taking my steps into manhood.