

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.

*And play basketball for*

My high school

My college

*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.

*Right now,*

I'm getting ready for my  
eighth-grade dance.

I'm getting ready for my  
Senior Prom.

*I'm just a boy, taking my steps into manhood.*