

Figure 5. Social Studies compare and contrast poem

Poetry in Two Voices: Yeh-Shen and Rhodopis

When I was a young girl,

My mother and father died

I was taken from my mother and father and
Brought from Greece to Egypt as a slave

I was heartbroken.

I had an evil stepmother and stepsister.

The cruel servant girls always teased me

And made me do all the chores. I was alone.

I found a friend, it was a fish, but my stepmother killed it.
It turned into magical bones.

I still feel so isolated.

A social occasion occurred and I asked

My stepmother if I could go.

The chief servant girl if I could go.

But

She said I had to watch the fruit trees

She said I had to do chores

I was devastated.

But the fish bones gave me clothing

But my master gave me ruby-red shoes

I had a beautiful blue dress and golden slippers.
I went to the social occasion.

I wore a plain tunic and my slippers
While washing clothes in the river.
(I didn't go to the social occasion.)

There I lost one

Golden shoe

Ruby-red slipper

It was found by

The King

The Pharaoh when dropped into his lap by the Falcon
who took it from me at the river

The shoe was matched with my other, And I was married.

To the King

To the Pharaoh

We had a Happily Every After.