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Worksheet 4

Echoes of Walt Whitman's "I Hear America Singing" in Rhetoric and Poetry: President Obama's Inaugural Speech (2009) and Elizabeth Alexander's "Praise Song for the Day"

Student Name _____Date_____

Identify the ways the Walt Whitman poem, "I Hear America Singing," resonates within both inaugural works delivered in 2009 on the occasion of President Obama's first inauguration.

Echoes of Whitman in President Obama's inaugural speech (2009)
Echoes of Whitman's poem in Elizabeth Alexander's "Praise Song for the Day"
Identify some important elements to include in an inaugural work, whether it is a speech or a poem:

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