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*Malcolm X* Short Essay Prompt & Rubric

**Prompt:** Explain how the speaker in the poem reflects Malcolm X’s views about learning to read. Support your answer with relevant and specific details from both the excerpt and the poem to back up your claims.

**Optional Graphic Organizer** for extra credit points toward your short essay (5):

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| Active Reading | You have highlighted, circled, or underlined and identified quotes you plan to use in your short essay. | /10 |
| Essay | Your essay demonstrates thorough and logical reasoning. Interprets evidence with insight. Analysis communicates genuine engagement with the text. Your essay substantiates the thesis with well-chosen evidence that is integrated smoothly and effectively. | /60 |
| MLA Format | Your short essay stringently follows the following MLA Format: Times New Roman, 12 point font, double spaced, includes an original title, and the proper MLA heading. | /10 |
| Mechanics | Your essay is mechanically sound. In other words, free of spelling, sentence structure, and grammatical errors. | /20 |

Teacher Comments: