The following is an excerpt from the poem Two Women, written by a working-class Chilean woman in 1973, shortly after Chile's socialist president, Salvador Allende, took office. This is to be read by two people, one reading the **bold** type and one reading the regular type.

**I am a woman.**

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**I am a woman born of a woman whose man owned a factory.**

I am a woman born of a woman whose man labored in a factory.

**I am a woman whose man wore silk suits, who constantly watched his weight.**

I am a woman whose man wore tattered clothing, whose heart was constantly strangled by hunger.

**I am a woman who watched two babies grow into beautiful children.**

I am a woman who watched two babies die because there was no milk.

**I am a woman who watched twins grow into popular college students with summers abroad.**

I am a woman who watched three children grow, but with bellies stretched from no food.

**But then there was a man;**

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**And he talked about peasants getting richer by my family getting poorer.**

And he told me of days that would be better, and he made the days better.

**We had to eat rice.**

We had rice.

**And beans!**

And beans.

**My children were no longer given summer visas to Europe.**

My children no longer cried themselves to sleep.

**And I felt like a peasant.**

And I felt like a woman.

**A peasant with a dull, hard, unexciting life.**

Like a woman that sometimes allowed a song.
Complete the following activities.

1. List five words that describe the woman in the **bold** typeface. Woman #1

2. List five words that describe the woman in the regular typeface. Woman #2

3. Compare. How are they alike?

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4. Contrast. How are they different?

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5. Which woman benefitted from Salvadore Allende taking office as President of Chile?