

Name: _____ Date: _____

Theme: On Growing Up

The story "Thirteen and a Half" and the poem "On Turning 10" both include ideas about growing up. This activity will help you organize information about the ideas both texts have about growing up. You can use what you write here to help you answer the writing prompt on page 27. Note: In this activity, you can choose whether to write in complete sentences or not.

"Thirteen and a Half"

1. How does Ashley feel about growing up?

2. Text evidence and commentary to support your claim:

Commentary is your explanation of WHY or HOW the text evidence supports your claim.

"On Turning 10"

To help you
analyze the
poem, complete
the activity
Poetry Analysis:
"On Turning 10."

3. How does the speaker of "On Turning 10" feel about growing up?

4. Text evidence and commentary to support your claim:

"Thirteen and a Half" and "On Turning 10"

5. Do Ashley and the speaker of the poem have similar or different feelings about growing up? Explain.