**“I Hear America Singing”**

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*Identify the devices and strategies that Whitman uses in the poem. Explain the effect of each and connect these effects to the implicit subject of the poem.*

**EXPLICIT SUBJECT** (what’s literally happening/being described):

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**IMPLICIT SUBJECT** (the message or idea the speaker is trying to convey, insight into life):

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| **Device** | **Direct Example(s) from Poem in Quotes** | **Effect & Connection to Implicit Subject** |
| alliteration |  |  |
| assonance and consonance |  |  |
| parallel structure – the repetition of phrases, clauses, or sentences that have the same grammatical structure |  |  |
| imagery—language that appeals to the sense |  |  |
| connotative word choice—choosing a specific word for the societal and emotions associated with it (not just for its literal definition |  |  |