

# INVICTUS

OUT OF THE NIGHT THAT COVERS ME,  
BLACK AS THE PIT FROM POLE TO POLE,  
I THANK WHATEVER GODS MAY BE  
FOR MY UNCONQUERABLE SOUL.

IN THE FELL CLUTCH OF CIRCUMSTANCE  
I HAVE NOT WINCED NOR CRIED ALOUD.  
UNDER THE BLUDGEONINGS OF CHANCE  
MY HEAD IS BLOODY, BUT UNBOWED.

BEYOND THIS PLACE OF WRATH AND TEARS  
LOOMS BUT THE HORROR OF THE SHADE,  
AND YET THE MENACE OF THE YEARS  
FINDS, AND SHALL FIND, ME UNAFRAID.

IT MATTERS NOT HOW STRAIT THE GATE,  
HOW CHARGED WITH  
PUNISHMENTS THE SCROLL.  
I AM THE MASTER OF MY FATE:  
I AM THE CAPTAIN OF MY SOUL.

WILLIAM ERNEST HENLEY



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## “Invictus” one-pager

- Meaning of invictus.
- Meaning of theme.
- Meaning of imagery.
- Find 3 examples of figurative language and label them.
- Summarize the poem in 4-6 sentences.
- Write one theme and provide an example from the text that supports it and explain why.
- Pick 5 words you do not know and define them
- What is the conflict in the poem? (example Man vs. Man, etc) and provide evidence from the text to support it.
- Draw a picture for each stanza. Summarize each picture in 1-2 sentences.
- Who would you recommend to read this poem? Why?