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"Invictus"by William Ernest Henley

Directions: Explain four (4) connections you see between the thoughts expressed in this poem and the ideas expressed in Anthem. Out of the night that covers me, 1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Black as the Pit from pole to pole, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_I thank whatever gods may be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_For my unconquerable soul. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. In the fell clutch of circumstance 2.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_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 3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_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 gait, 4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_How charged with punishments the scroll, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_I am the master of my fate; \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_I am the captain of my soul. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Response Questions**

1. What is the tone of the poet toward adversity?

2. What is the theme of the poem?

3. Give two quotes from the poem that support the theme you chose from question #2.

4. Explain/Analyze how each quote in question #3 supports the theme you chose above in #2.

5. What is the mood of the poem?

**Vocabulary Key**

**Adversity:** difficulties; misfortune

**Tone:** the author's attitude toward the subject

**Mood**: the emotion the reader feels from a piece of literature

**Denotation**: dictionary definition of a word

**Connotation:** the feelings associated with the word in a given circumstance

**Theme:** the message the author is trying to convey to his/her audience

**Metaphor:** making a comparison between two things not using like or as

**Simile:** making a comparison between two things using like or as