

Invictus

By William Ernest Henley

Look at your questions.

What reading skill are you using to answer each question?

Write it next to the question.

Vocabulary

Infer

Predict

Explain

Retrieve

Summarise



Vocabulary Check

- For my unconquerable soul
- I have not wincing nor cried aloud
- Under the bludgeonings of chance
- Beyond this place of wrath and tears

Individual Thinking



Take one minute to explain, in your own words,
the meaning of the poem.

Questions

1. What are the main themes of the poem?
2. What does the phrase '*whatever gods may be*' suggest about the speaker's beliefs?
3. '*My head is bloody, but unbowed.*' What does this line tell us about the poet?
4. What imagery is conveyed with the last two lines of the poem? Why do you think the poet has done this?
5. Choose the most important line in the poem. Explain its meaning and why you have chosen it.