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E. one message a text conveys about a topic

speaker

D. a character or person’s inner qualities

character

C. the set of traits, especially moral or personality traits, that make a person an individual

theme

B. the person or character telling a poem

voice

A. the quality that makes an author’s writing unique

character trait

**Words to Know**

*Write the letter of the definition next to the matching word as you work through the lesson. You may use the glossary to help you.*

in a poem.

English gives a poem

a unique voice.

**Determine** themes of

through her actions and the poems’

descriptions of her.

**Draw** conclusions

about how

**Understand** Harriet

Tubman’s

**Read** two poems about Harriet Tubman.

**Lesson Goals**

**Lesson Question**



## “The Moses of Her People”

### Harriet Tubman:

* escaped and safely reached the North.
* returned to nineteen times to bring other enslaved people to .
* more than three hundred people.
* is known as “the Moses of her people.”

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* Tall
* Brown-eyed
* American
* Intelligent
* Cautious
* Stubborn

**traits:**

**traits:**

qualities

**Character trait:** a character or person’s

traits, that

**Character Traits**

**Character:** the set of traits, especially moral or make a person an

Harriet Tubman didn’t take no stuff Wasn’t scared of nothing neither Didn’t come in this world to be no slave And wasn’t going to stay one either

*–“Harriet Tubman,”*

*Eloise Greenfield*

By fire in heaven she was guided saved by stream

and by water reed

By her terrible grimace of faith beautiful and defiant

*–“Harriet Tubman aka Moses,”*

*Samuel Allen*

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**Finding Character Traits**

*Underline the character traits that the poets use to describe Harriet Tubman.*

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## Speaker

The **speaker** is the telling the poem.

* Can be the poet, a narrator, or a

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* + Helps explain the poem’s

The speaker of the poem is often confused with the subject of the poem.

* + Subject: who or what those words are

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* stated in a sentence.

Topic: Commitment to a cause

Example of a theme: People who are committed to a cause can achieve greatness.

.

* usually stated

about life.

* expressed as a general

a text conveys about a topic.

A **theme** is a

A theme is:

**Themes of Commitment**

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**Identifying Repeated Ideas to Determine Theme**

*Underline the phrases which tell that the topic of the stanza is Tubman’s determination.*

* Determine the topic.
* State the theme in a sentence.

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## Nonstandard English and Voice

**Voice** is the that makes an author’s writing unique.

### English:

You ain’t seen nothing yet!

### English:

You haven’t seen anything yet!

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Voice is determined by the words and types of an author uses.

Voice can also refer to how an author about his or her characters or how an author wants the characters to sound to the reader.



# **Summary** Themes in Poetry: “Harriet Tubman”

How is Harriet Tubman’s character revealed in two poems?

**Lesson Question**

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**Answer**

*Use this space to write any questions or thoughts about this lesson.*