

# Warm-Up

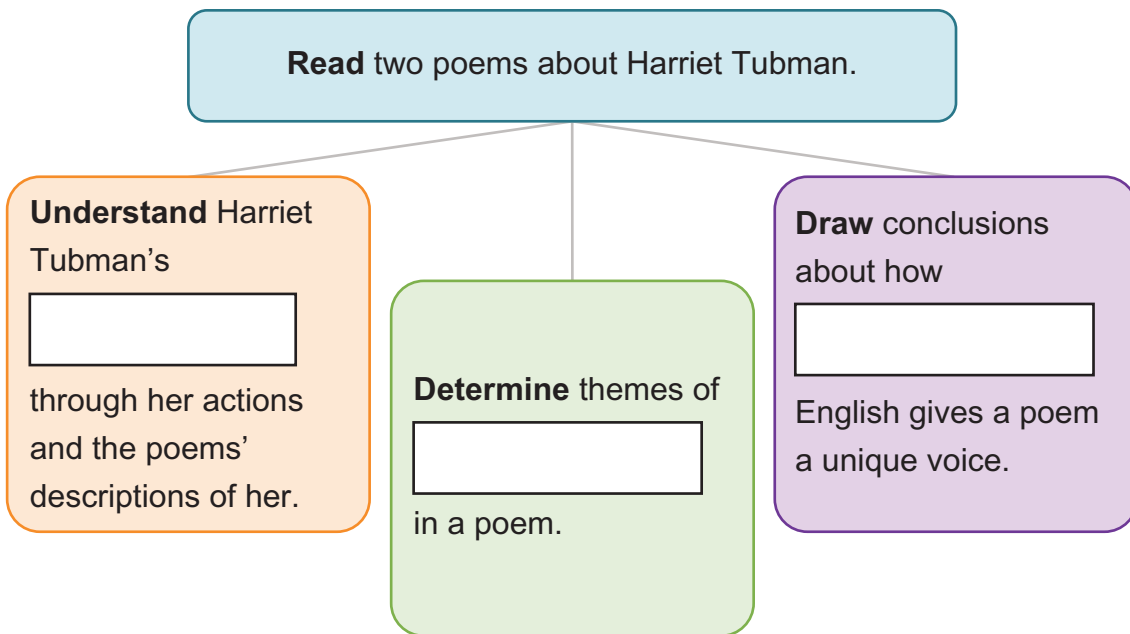
## Themes in Poetry: “Harriet Tubman”



### Lesson Question



### Lesson Goals



### 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.

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|-----------------------|--|
| _____ character trait | A. the quality that makes an author’s writing unique   |
| _____ voice           | B. the person or character telling a poem  |
| _____ theme           | C. the set of traits, especially moral or personality traits, that make a person an individual |
| _____ character       | D. a character or person’s inner qualities   |
| _____ speaker         | E. one message a text conveys about a topic  |

**“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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### Character Traits

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

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

traits:

- Intelligent
- Cautious
- Stubborn

traits:

- Tall
- Brown-eyed
- American

### Finding Character Traits

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

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

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

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### Speaker

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

- Can be the poet, a narrator, or a

- 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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**Themes of Commitment**

A **theme** is a  a text conveys about a topic.

A theme is:

- expressed as a general  about life.
- usually stated .
- stated in a sentence.

Topic: Commitment to a cause

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

**Identifying Repeated Ideas to Determine Theme**

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

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- 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!

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”



**Lesson Question**

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



**Answer**

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