

8<sup>th</sup> Grade English, Winter Break Assignment

This assignment should be typed and double spaced. If you choose to hand write, use pen, not pencil and double space or skip a line.

Based on the poem, Oh Captain, My Captain, Pg. 261 of the textbook please answer the following questions.

1. Discuss the title of the poem. (one paragraph)
2. Discuss the characters in the poem. (one paragraph)
3. What is the mood of the poem. (one paragraph)
4. What are two possible themes of the poem.
5. Write about one of the themes. (two paragraphs)
6. Based on the poem “Invictus” what is the theme? (two paragraphs)
7. Compare the poems “Invictus and “Oh Captain...” (two paragraphs)
8. Reflection. Pick from one of the poems above and tell what you think of the poem and what did you learn from it? (two paragraphs)

William Ernest Henley. 1849–1903

**7. 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 5  
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 16  
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,