



## SLE 2021

# #ComingTogetherStrongerThanEver

*Invictus*

By: William Earnest Henley

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  
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  
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,  
I am the master of my fate,  
I am the captain of my soul.

The Summer Learning Experience (SLE) assignment for this summer is to watch the movie *Invictus* (2009) and to read the poem *Invictus* by William Earnest Henley and reflect on what your own individual approach in your life has been to overcoming obstacles. Use the guiding questions below to help focus your reflection. Your answers and reflection will be shared in your advisory group when we start school in September.

1. How do you take care of yourself when you are faced with an obstacle in your life?
2. What are your personal strategies for overcoming an obstacle in your life?
3. When you think about encountering an obstacle in your life, what do you do when you have no control over the obstacle?
4. Have you ever created an obstacle in your life that existed only because of your own actions?
5. What obstacle in your life are you most proud of overcoming?