


Worksheet: Analyzing Maya Angelou's "Still I Rise"

Name: _____

Date: _____

 Do Now Warm-Up (5 minutes)

Prompt:

What does it mean to "rise above" something? Describe a time when someone got back up after being knocked down.

 While Reading: Look & Listen Notes (10 minutes)

As the poem is read aloud, underline or circle lines that stand out to you. Use the space below to write down your thoughts.

Line or phrase that stood out:

Why do you think it's powerful?

Another line that caught your attention:

What does it mean to you?

 Circle Talk Reflections (10 minutes)

Choose two sentence starters to complete during the Circle Talk.

1. A line that stood out to me was: _____

because... _____

2. This poem reminds me of... _____

because... _____

3. I think Angelou is saying... _____

because... _____

 Team Challenge Prep (15 minutes)

Circle your team's question:

- What is the most powerful line in the poem, and why?
- How does Angelou use repetition?
- How might this poem connect to your own mindset?

Notes for our response:

Sketch (optional): Draw a symbol or image that represents your team's idea.

 Exit Reflection (5 minutes)

Answer one of the questions below in 1–2 sentences:

- How did Angelou show strength in her writing?
- How did talking today help you understand the poem?

Reminder: Use your voice. Respect the text. Build on each other's ideas.