

“I am a part of all that I have  
met”

Thinking about the theme of “journeys”, what  
does this mean?

What makes you who you are?

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## Ulysses

It little profits that an idle king,  
By this still hearth, among these barren crags,  
Match'd with an aged wife, I mete and dole  
Unequal laws unto a savage race,  
That hoard, and sleep, and feed, and know not me

I cannot rest from travel: I will drink  
Life to the lees: All times I have enjoy'd  
Greatly, have suffer'd greatly, both with those  
That loved me, and alone, on shore, and when  
Thro' scudding drifts the rainy Hyades  
Vext the dim sea: I am become a name;  
For always roaming with a hungry heart  
Much have I seen and known; cities of men  
And manners, climates, councils, governments,

There is a clear  
THEMATIC link  
between a "idle  
king" and sees  
little profit in  
idleness, and a  
desire not to "rest  
from travel"

Again, the link is  
thematic – "always  
roaming" links with  
"much have I  
seen"

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A poem about “going forward and braving the struggle of life”

HOW does Tennyson show this in the poem?

GROUP TASK



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PLENARY:

On a post-it note, write down one phrase from the poem which, for you, represents the idea of “going forward and braving the struggle of life” best.

THEN explain why.