

My Friend Asked Me to Teach Her Daughter To Kickbox by Jenny Liou

Introduction:

"Sometimes the strength of motherhood is greater than natural laws." – Barbara Kingsolver

Directions: Follow the steps provided below:

1. Read "[My Friend Asked Me to Teach Her Daughter To Kickbox](#)" by Jenny Liou, paying close attention to the literary elements and techniques Liou uses to express her complex emotions throughout this experience.
1. Start by choosing one complete thought (a word, a sentence, a line, or another group of words) that you found particularly resonant, for whatever reason that may be. It could be because you related to the sentiment in the thought, because you thought it best expressed the meaning of the work as a whole, because you *didn't* understand it, etc. Then jot that word(s) down in the first empty space provided for you.
2. In the next empty space provided for you, provide another thought from the poem, this time focusing on a thought that *best* complements the piece of evidence you provided earlier. Then, in the column to the right, explain how and why this phrase complements the previous thought particularly well. Your response should consist of no less than two complete sentences.
3. Then repeat that step again. In the next empty space provided for you, provide another thought from the poem, this time focusing on a thought that also complements the piece of evidence you provided earlier. Then, in the column to the right, explain how and why this phrase complements the previous thought particularly well. Your response should consist of no less than two complete sentences.
4. Then repeat that step one last time! When you are done, you will have a series of quotes that all intertwine with one another thematically, a series of quotes that all contribute to the meaning of the work as a whole in their own distinct way.
5. In the final column, discuss how all of the quotes you've chosen all work together to contribute to the same concept, theme, or message from the poem. Your response should consist of no less than 100 words and explain how all of your quotes link conceptually with one another to create meaning in the text.

An example - from another poem - can be found [HERE](#).

Thought From Poem That You Found Particularly Resonant	
“Thought” From Poem That BEST Complements The Quote Directly Above	Discuss Why & How The Quote Complements The Other One <i>*Your response should consist of no less than two complete sentences.</i>
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How Do The Pieces Of Evidence Work Together To Convey The Meaning Of The Work As A Whole? <i>*Your response should consist of no less than 100 words and explain how all of your quotes link conceptually with one another to create meaning in the text.</i>	