

THINKING ABOUT CHARACTERIZATION *in the music video for*

SUPERHEROES *by* **THE SCRIPT**

After watching the music video, think about the characterization of the main character in the film. Then answer the following questions, backing up your responses with evidence from the video.

	YOUR RESPONSE	EVIDENCE FROM THE VIDEO
What are your first impressions of the father in this video?		
Is he wealthy? Describe his social and economic circumstances.		
Why does he wear a suit if he works at a landfill site?		
How does his daughter see him? Describe their relationship.		
Do you think that he takes pride in his job? Why or why not?		
Do you think that this man could be called a <i>superhero</i> ? Why or why not?		

Analyzing extracts from 'SUPERHEROES' BY THE SCRIPT

Read the following lyrics from the song and then answer the questions next to them.

1 When you've been fighting for it all your life
You've been working every day and night
That's how a superhero learns to fly
Every day, every hour
Turn the pain into power

1.1. What might 'it' be?

1.2. In your own words, explain the advice given in these two lines and give an example of how this advice might be applied in life.

2 All the hurt, all the lies
All the tears that they cry
When the moment is just right
You see fire in their eyes

2.1. What is the name given to the technique of repetition here? How is it effective?

2.2. Who is the 'they' mentioned here?

2.3. Identify and explain the figurative language technique used here.

3 'Cause he's stronger than you know
A heart of steel starts to grow

3.1. This is a metaphor. Do you think it is an effective one? Explain why or why not.

4 She's got lions in her heart
A fire in her soul
He's a got a beast in his belly
That's so hard to control
'Cause they've taken too much hits
Taking blow by blow
Now light a match, stand back, watch them explode

4.1. Identify and explain the figurative language technique used here.

4.2. Why does the speaker use both the male and female pronouns throughout the song?

4.3. Is this explosion a positive or negative thing here? Explain your answer fully.

5 When you've been fighting for it all your life
You've been struggling to make things right
That's a how a superhero learns to fly

5.1. What is the effect of switching to the second-person pronoun here?

5.2. Is 'learns to fly' meant literally here? Explain your answer fully.

RESPONDING TO THE WHOLE SONG:

6.1. In your own words, summarize the essential meaning of the song.

6.2. Do you agree with the advice given in the song? Fully explain why or why not.

6.3. Explain how this advice can be seen in the life of someone famous (current or historical).