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English 10

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Activity C. Read and analyze the poem below. Write a simple paragraph by answering the questions given. Use the rubric as your guide.

Being Independent
by Rupri Kaur

I do not want to have you
To fill the empty part of me.
I want to be full on my own.
I want to be so complete
I could light a whole city
And then
I want to have you
Cause the two of us combined
Could set it on fire.

1. What is the gender of the persona in the poem? Explain.

We can tell that the gender of the persona in the poem is a woman as it is about having independence to herself as a person. Women didn't really have true independence until the recent decades.

2. What kind of attitude does the persona have?

She is passionate, dedicated, and wants independence as her words in the poem can be seen. Her attitude and words are relatable and agreeable to other women.

3. What does the persona want to prove?

She wants to prove that women can stand on their own and that they are capable of what men can do in a lot of fields. In many ways, men feel more superior than women so they are the ones responsible for many things such as politics, jobs, sports, and more.

4. What is the theme of the poem? Elaborate.

Equality for women, independence, and femininity. Even though this is a short poem, it tells the truth about women in the last decades. There is no logical reason why women are weak and aren't capable as men and this poem seeks equality and independence for women.

5. The poem *Being Independent* by Rupi Kaur is about the struggles of women in seeking equality. Just like men, they are people that are capable of doing something that has a major impact to our society. Men treat women as if they are weak and can't do what they can do to change the world until the last decades where we've seen a course of action and movement towards giving freedom to women. The equality for everyone is a must as all of us can do something to change our society.