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Phenomenal Woman by Maya Angelou

Directions: After reading the poem through two times, answer the following questions.

1. What type of poem is this? Is there a rhyme scheme?

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2. What line contains alliteration in the first stanza? Underline the letter/sound repeated.

3. What line contains consonance in the first stanza? Underline the letter/sound repeated.

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4. What is the speaker's big secret?

5. Why do people question the speaker's secret?

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6. What is the tone of the speaker?

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7. Who is the speaker's audience?

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8. What repetition is significant in this poem? Why?

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9. What type of figurative language is the following line? "Then they swarm around me, A hive of honey bees." What is the speaker trying to illustrate?

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10. How is the following line an example of hyperbole? "The fellows stand or fall down on their knees."

11. What does the speaker mean when she says, "I don't shout or jump about or have to talk real loud."?

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12. What is the universal theme?

13. What is the significance of the title? What does it mean to be phenomenal?

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14. Do you agree that society has certain standards of beauty/acceptance? How important are these conventions?

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15. What is something that makes you phenomenal?