

Comparing the Self-Agency of Lane and Keckly

Self-Agency refers to the ability of a person to make his or her own decisions and to take control of his/her own life. Both Lane and Keckly, although enslaved and legally under the control and domination of their masters, managed to set goals and successfully work toward achieving them; they were able to follow through on their decisions with productive action; they persevered and worked hard in the face of despair and enormous obstacles; they capitalized on opportunities that came their way; and when things did not work out as planned they were able to re-bound and to try again. Find examples of attitudes and behaviors that exemplify *self-agency* in the narrative excerpts as well as examples of "masking" one's self-agency.

Comparing Lane vs. Keckly	Lunsford Lane's Experience	Elizabeth Keckly's Experience
Cite two examples of self-agency in each of their lives. Support your examples with two quotations from each narrative.		
How did each mask their self-agency? Support your answer with quotations from the narratives.		

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