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Rosa Parks

Courage

When I think of courage I think of someone standing up for other people, or being brave for the sake of others. When I think of bravery I think of Rosa Parks. She’s not only courageous, she’s a leader for women and African Americans around the world. She sat in the front of the bus when that was not allowed, and when she was asked to stand up from her seat, she refused. It’s sad to me that the color of someone’s skin once mattered. Just because she was of African American race, she couldn’t have the freedom of sitting wherever she wanted on her way home from work. Rosa Parks was just tired from a long hard day at work. She changed history for African Americans around the world. Without her, the world would still be an unfair place. She introduced people into equality and freedom. When she didn’t stand up from her seat, it was the first move of segregation. Following after that incident was Martin Luther King Jr. If it wasn’t for those two people, African Americans would still be unequal, and who knows what the world would be like. I admire Parks for her courage and her leadership that changed how the world works today.

Antigone

1. “But now that they have gone sharing their double end on a single day.” -Creon
2. “Sure ive had misgivings from the first; could this be more purely than natural work?”

-Leader

1. “Next they’ll say they make it a priority to bury him in state, and thank him for burning down there alters, sacking shrines, scouting laws and raping the land. Or are the gods these days considerate to criminals?” –Creon

Creon is talking about Polyneices and Dionysus death, the two brothers who killed eachother on the same day. Because Polyneices went against Thebes, Creon ordered him to be buried which is what this whole play is basically based on. The leader expresses his thoughts about the burying of Polycieses and he says that he believes from the beginning that it was a bad idea and that they thought the burial should be done by the gods. Antigone showed courage because she risked her life for the burial of her brother. It shows a lot of courageousness because she was willing to do so even though she knew it was wrong, and against her own well being.

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Thou shalt not conform.

The whole movie is basically about being your own person. Where you can do whatever you want and make your own choices, and ignoring the judgment of other people. Mr. Keating taught all of the kids about conformity, and how you should be able to think what you want and do whatever you want. For example, Mr. Keating took his class out in the court yard and told them to walk however they want, and not to fall into step with any of the other students.

Live life to the fullest.

In the movie I remember Mr. Keating telling Neil Perry that he needed to tell his father about his love of acting and stand up for himself to his father. Neil asked Mr. Keating why he taught at that school if he disagrees with conformity, and Mr. Keating said that he loved teaching. If you don’t love your life and you live in misery with something you can’t change then you’re not living your life to the fullest.

Do not worship the Material.

In the beginning of the movie, Mr. Keating told the class to rip out all the pages of the poetry book because Dr. Evans, the writer, “didn’t know anything.” The students didn’t understand the meaning of it, however they did what Mr. Keating said and ripped out the introduction of the book, because sometimes the material is wrong.