

The diary of a young girl and good conflict



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CONFLICT AFFECTS MANY PEOPLE DIFFERENTLY. SOME DEMONSTRATE GREATNESS IN THESE TIMES, BUT OTHERS SUFFER. BAD An example of conflict bringing out the worst in people is Dave Karofsky in 'Glee'. He is struggling with internal conflict of being gay, and because of his anger and confusion over this, he bullies people. His favourite target is Kurt Hummel who is open and comfortable with his homosexuality, and Dave was jealous of this. When Kurt finally decides to stand up to his bully, Dave kisses him, then realizing what he's done he threatens to kill Kurt if he tells anybody. Dave's internal conflict and personal emotions ended up not just affecting him, but many people around him. Kurt ends up having to move schools, because he can't deal with feeling unsafe all the time, and his newly-wedded parents have to pay for it out of the money they saved up for their honeymoon. Bullies usually do what they do to make others feel bad, to make them feel better about whatever bad stuff may be happening in their life, like their parents getting divorced, or losing a loved one, and so on. They take their bottled up negative feelings out on other people. Bullies are examples of conflict bringing out the worst in people when they don't know how to deal with it. Other bad results of unresolved conflict include violence and war, like in Tomorrow When The War Began, when a foreign army took over a small town and many were killed. GOOD Conflict brings out greatness in people in Paradise Road, when even as her friends are slowly dying in front of her, Adrienne brings hope to all the women in the camp by starting a choir, and giving them something to live for. Miep Gies is another person who showed us that even in times of great conflict, people can still achieve immense greatness. During World War 2, Miep bravely agreed to hide Otto Frank and his family, as well as four other Jews, in an office building, despite

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knowing this bold move could easily cost her her life. She supplied them with food, clothes and news of what was happening, every day. When the day came that the German police raided the warehouse after an anonymous tip-off, and captured her friends and sent them to concentration camps, she begged and bargained with the Nazis to spare her them, with no success. She only narrowly avoided death herself, due to being born in Austria. After the police left, she risked her life yet again, to go back inside the Annexe and collect the scattered papers that were Anne Frank's diary, and waited on her return to give them back to her. But Anne, and her mother and sister died a few months before the end of the war, so she passed Anne's legacy onto her father, and together they shared Anne's story with the world. In doing all of this, she risked her life in such an enormous way, all because she considered it her human duty to assist others in need. According to those who knew her, she was tiny, gentle, courageous and modest. She refuses to accept others calling her a hero, claiming that the ones she was hiding were the true heroes. Every year on August 4th, she closed her curtains, and ignored the telephone and doorbell, and spent the day remembering and grieving her lost friends. She died at the age of 100 on January 11, last year. She will always be remembered by many as a hero.