

Courage and bravery in lord of the flies

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In amidst of the tragic events that occurs in the town of Maycomb, one positive theme that stick out throughout the whole time is nerve. Its existence is observed by the storyteller Scout from the characterisations of the central character Atticus, his impact on his children's upbringing and other the members of the neighborhood that shows such qualities e. g. Mrs Dubose and Boo Radley. Atticus Finch is among the most prominent and reputable people in the town who has strong views on nerve.

His role in the story functions as an ethical backbone and fatherly figure to his kids. You never ever really comprehend an individual till you think about things from his point of view ... till you climb up into his skin and walk in it" This quote reveals his open-mindedness for fact by comprehending people through their point of view, and he was bold adequate to act upon this approach. Atticus shows bravery when he takes Tom's case in spite of the effects of his town turning versus him and his kids.

He represents Tom relatively in court for free, and in the face of criticism and dangers of violence he means what he thinks is right.

Atticus is not only a brave male himself however also a strong influence to his children as he goes to fantastic pains to instruct Jem and Scout to be much better human beings. " You're gon na hear some awful discuss this in school. But I want you to promise me one thing: That you won't enter battles over it, no matter what they state to you." Although Scout fights other kids who insult Atticus in an attempt to safeguard and defend him, she ultimately learns that withholding violence is among the greatest kinds of bravery.

On another event in the face of risk when a mad dog is diminishing the street, Atticus shoots it completely yet he conceals that he is the town's best marksman, but emphasises that he is not brave for shooting a dog dead in one shot, however since he had to. He disproves of the children's fascination with guns and thinks that guns do not make men brave. As Scout informs, "My dad, who disliked weapons and had never been to any wars, was the bravest male who ever lived." One of the most substantial lessons Jem finds out was from Mrs Dubose, when he was made to go and read to her and her long-battled morphine addiction is exposed.

Instead of spending the rest of her life and dying painlessly under the influence of morphine which as the easy and "acceptable" option, Mrs Dubose chooses to break free in an agonising way, despite of how far her sickness has become, knowing that she will die in the process. "I wanted you to see what real courage is, instead of getting the idea that courage is man with a gun in his hand. It's when you know you're licked before you begin but you begin anyway and you see it though no matter what." Atticus holds Mrs.

Dubose as the ultimate definition of bravery and she is a person he admires as having "real courage". This form of bravery can be reflected back to Atticus when he defends Tom Robinson. He argues the case to the best of his ability even though he knows it will be nearly impossible for a white jury's verdict of a black man to be "not guilty". A different take on courage is within the community, when the fire occurs. "The men of Maycomb, in all

degrees of dress and undress, took furniture from Miss Maudie's house to a yard across the street.

The response that arises is immediate. The phrase "in all degrees of dress and undress" stresses that the men do not need time to think but come straight from their beds to help regardless of their attire. "Looks like all of Maycomb was out tonight" Even during this time, Boo left his place so Scout will not be cold. Then it turns out ironically later on that Boo who has been an object of fear and suspicion at the beginning, risks his own life to save Jem and Scout's lives from Bob Ewell. His courage overrides the town's prejudice to come their aid.

Even Jem runs back to help Scout, knowing he stood no chance against a drunk adult, yet he succeeded by buying enough time for help. It is essential to note how the lack of courage influences many people. The character of Bob Ewell proves a foil for Atticus, where the latter is a noble and virtuous man and the former a coward. Ewell never directly faces those whom he thought have wronged him and held grudges against everyone connected to the case. His actions give evidence of this when he vandalises Judge Taylor's home and harasses Tom's widow Helen Robinson at a distance.

His need for petty revenge is his greatest cowardice, especially when he resorts to assaulting Atticus' children in order to make himself feel more of a man, resulting in his own death. The characters fight for what they believe in throughout the entire book in one way or another and bravery is shown by almost everyone in times when the situation demands it. Although some

events may turn out badly, courage is an essential and desirable quality which will always make the world a better place to live in.