

Expository Essay Prompt

READ

Read the quotation in the box below.

“Courage doesn’t always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, ‘I will try again tomorrow.’”

Mary Anne Radmacher

THINK

Different people define courage in different ways. Think about your own definition of courage. What actions or attitudes make you think that a person is courageous?

WRITE

Write an essay explaining what it means for a person to be courageous.

As you write your composition, remember to:

- Clearly state your thesis
- Organize and develop your ideas effectively
- Choose your words carefully
- Edit your writing for grammar, mechanics, and spelling

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EXAMPLE OF LINED PAGE

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