

Character Counts: The Fight for Education

Many girls are denied the right to education because of certain stereotypes. In America, girls can learn and do whatever they want in life. In Pakistan, a girl's life is determined the minute they are born. Malala Yousafzai decided that she could change that. She knew that women should have the responsibilities and that they could be more than just housewives. This is why she is a role model in my eyes.

Malala was a fifteen-year-old in Pakistan who wanted one thing: to continue learning. In her country, girls were to be married by the time they were 16. Malala and other girls in her community didn't believe in this, and they continued to go to school. One day, their bus was attacked by a group that believed girls shouldn't have the right to learn. This group was the Taliban. Their goal was to scare these girls so that they wouldn't come back to school again. Malala was shot in the head when they broke into the bus. After she recovered, she spoke out against this problem. Unlike everyone else in her neighborhood, her father was extremely supportive of her decision to try and solve the problem. She gave speeches and raised awareness. People all over the world acknowledged it and wanted to help. Others threatened Malala to try to get her to stop, but she courageously didn't. Soon enough, she was able to return to school without having the danger of being attacked again. Malala was nominated to receive the Nobel Peace Prize.

Malala's deed impacts girls all over the world. She showed her citizenship by trying to solve a problem in a peaceful manner. Females everywhere are using their voices to speak out against problems of their own. Malala has inspired me and other young girls to not be afraid of taking a stand. I have learned that I can solve my problems in a peaceful, civil way.

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Malala Yousafzai is a courageous role model and citizen for people all over the world. She made sure the education system was fair for girls. She has showed me that I am capable of accomplishing anything.