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**Courage Essay Prompt:**

**What is true courage?  Use 2 people from “Warriors Don’t Cry” to explain what it means to be truly courageous.**

**Introduction**

Hook

Definition of courage- \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Issue- What was going on in the south in our country that would require courage? What were some of the problems for the blacks? What was challenging for them? Why would they have needed courage?

Thesis- restate the prompt and answer with two points.

 Example: Two people…

**RACE body paragraph example (you may NOT use Ernie)**

**The first person who shows true courage in the book is Ernie. He faced many dangers going to graduation. Melba wrote, “I can’t help worrying about Ernie. One of the students could be an imposter—anybody could wear a robe….you know, someone from the KKK who wants to collect that reward money could pretend to be a graduate (212). This proves Ernie is being courageous because he is facing a serious danger. He has to face several hundred white students, many of whom want to hurt him. As Melba suggests, one might even try to kill him to earn a reward. This is an extreme amount of danger. It is also courageous because he is doing it for the greater good. He is standing up for what is right, integrated schools and rights for African Americans. Any normal person would choose to skip graduation and be safe, but Ernie is courageous because he faces the danger of graduation to help others in his community.**

**What NOT TO DO:**

**The first person who shows true courage in the book is Melba. She was very brave to integrate the school. She had a golf ball thrown at her. She also had eggs thrown at her. She was brave enough to fight back in the bathroom when girls were throwing paper balls at her. Finally she never fought back, even when someone spat on her.**

**Conclusion**

Transition\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Restate thesis \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Final thoughts on courage and the people in WDC who showed courage. What would you have done? How would you have handled it? What do you feel/think about the way they handled it? Etc.

Now put it all together in a Google Doc. Be sure to skip lines between your paragraphs so there are clear paragraph breaks.