



6TH GRADE ENGLISH: THE BRONZE BOW

In the sixth-grade class, students have been actively engaging with "The Bronze Bow," a historical novel by Elizabeth George Speare. As part of their literary exploration, the students have been delving into the novel's themes and drawing insightful connections to biblical narratives.

The novel, set in ancient Judea, follows the protagonist Daniel as he navigates a complex world of rebellion and self-discovery. Students have been identifying themes such as justice, forgiveness, and the transformative power of love within the narrative. Notably, they have been skillfully making text-to-text connections with stories from the Bible that resonate with similar themes. This writing assignment not only enhances their understanding of the novel but also deepens their understanding and appreciation for morals and values needed in everyday life.

WHAT THE STUDENTS HAD TO SAY

One major theme in “The Bronze Bow,” is forgiveness. This is illustrated at the end of the book when Daniel forgives the Roman soldier Marcus. On page 254, it says, “‘Will you come into our house?’ Daniel asked.” This shows he is letting go of his anger towards the Romans and learning to love. His actions agree with the Bible because Mark 11:25 says, “And when you stand praying if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive your sins.” This verse shows you should forgive others so God can forgive you.

-Sophie Flett



One major theme in "The Bronze Bow" is transformation. In chapter one, we learn that Daniel is living by himself on a mountain. He has a bad heart from what the Romans did to his mother and father. Later we see Daniel's heart being transformed by Jesus. When he meets him, his perspective has changed. Romans 12:2 says "Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is- His good, pleasing and perfect will." This Bible verse tells us that our hearts can be transformed by God.

-Grace Shohmelian



The final theme in "The Bronze Bow" is power and corruption. The corruption in the book is shown in Daniel believing that Rosh is doing the right thing. Daniel says on page 189, "Rosh is not a bandit. When he robs, it is for a good purpose." Jesus shows power through speech and action in the book and in the Bible. In the Bible, power and corruption is like Jesus and Satan, which mirror Rosh and Daniel or Jesus in the novel. One is great and holds a lot of power, and the other is bad and corrupts others with evil thoughts.

-Chase Stewart

