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Research Topic Proposal

In my initial primary research for my topic, I found out several things. First, I realized that many people see their relatives as heroic: grandmothers, aunts, uncles, and parents. Second, I saw that many people also saw political figures as inspirational. Many of the quotes I got on my survey were from politicians. Many of the quotes also had to do with love or being happy in life, which shows me that many people are interested in happiness; that is what inspires them. After my survey, I considered some political and historical figures that I wouldn't have thought of before: Eleanor Roosevelt and Gandhi, for example (Rumfelt).

I have decided to research Anne Lamott for my research project. I know that she is a writer, and while I have read one of her books, I'm interested in the fact that several people on my survey cited her as their hero. In my research paper, I'm planning on asking these questions:

- Why is Anne Lamott considered inspirational to many people?
- What has occurred in her life to make her an inspiration to others?
- How has writing affected her life and changed her as a person?
- What does this quote have to do with her life? "Hope begins in the dark, the stubborn hope that if you just show up and try to do the right things, the dawn will come. You wait and watch and work. You don't give up."

I think Anne Lamott inspires people because she talks honestly about the struggles involved with writing. My proposed thesis for my paper is: Anne Lamott inspires me because she helped me see that teaching writing is an important task, and she inspires other writers to keep trying, even if it seems hard at times.

Works Cited

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