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**Writing #3**

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**Define The Word “Stubborn.” List Three Reasons Why or When it is Either Good or not**

**Good to be Stubborn.**

The word stubborn means, being determined to your cause, and not backing down. It can be a word with a positive connotation, or a word with a negative connotation. It is good to be stubborn when someone tries to get you to do something you do not believe in. Also, it is good to be stubborn to an ideal, because many events in the world have happened due to someone's stubbornness. On the other hand it is not good to be stubborn if it is a small matter that causes unnecessary contention.

It is good to be stubborn when someone is trying to get you to do something that goes against your values, morals, and virtues. If someone is encouraging you to drink, and your personal conviction says that you should not drink, you should then be stubborn, and not drink no matter what everyone else says. An anonymous person said, “Stubbornness is a form of courage. It takes courage to stand up for what you believe in, even when everyone else is against you.” So, instead of giving in easily to peer pressure, you should stubbornly stand up for what you believe in.

Secondly, it is good to be stubborn because many events, and discoveries happened because people or groups of people were stubborn to an ideal. One example is Winston Churchill, during World War II, he was too stubborn to surrender London to the Nazis. He said, “This is the lesson: never give in, never give in, never, never, never, never—in nothing, great or

small, large or petty—never give in except to convictions of honour and good sense. Never yield to force; never yield to the apparently overwhelming might of the enemy.” Even though the Nazis were constantly bombing London, Churchill never gave in, and he never surrendered England. Due to his stubbornness, England was a valuable ally in helping defeat the Nazis, thus changing the world for good. If we never give in and are stubborn to our goals, we could have a great impact on the world, and people around us.

On the other hand, it is not good to be stubborn when the problem is on a small matter. For instance, if your mom tells you to go to bed and you obstinately refuse, making an argument, and causing unnecessary contention, that would be an inadequate use of being stubborn. The reason for this is that your mom is not making you do something that goes against your values, morals, and virtues, she is actually trying to lovingly help you with what is best for you. In Proverbs 12:15 it says, “A fool's stubbornness is his ruin.” This means that stubbornness can hold you back from growing, learning, and having a successful life. In summary, it is hurtful to others and yourself if you are stubborn on a small or unimportant issue.

To conclude, being stubborn can be beneficial, if for example you are standing up for something you believe in, and being stubborn to an ambition, can even change history for good. But, being stubborn can also cause unnecessary contention. In summary, it is important to be stubborn at the right time.