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Period 7

We are change

Every day I wake up and have the privilege of going to school. Even though I complain and wish I didn't have to go or come up with excuses to not pay attention in class. I'm still grateful. And as much as we defend ourselves and say we have access to information with the internet, we are still very sheltered in Marin, even in most of America. Here every child has the right to an education, the right to be informed, and given the tools to come up with our individual opinions. To learn about morals and the mistakes of our ancestors. And even if I doubt and question the relevance or the subjects we learn, I'm still grateful that I have the opportunity for an education, many people, especially girls, are denied that access. I think education fosters the courage to make a change for many different reasons. One of the primary being that it gives a person the tools to be able to stand up for themselves, and since so many things in our societies are controlled by laws, courts, and governments to fight for yourself you need these tools. I also think receiving an education can help a person mentally develop, and when it comes to mental courage, having an education can help make necessary decisions. An example is Jarrett Adams. He was falsely accused of a crime and sent to jail with a life sentence. But instead of complying with the system, he decided to get a law degree and was able to fight for himself in court and later started helping others with similar circumstances as him. I think this is a relevant example because it shows someone is in a horrible situation and the only solution was education. It also shows how his false imprisonment enlightened him to see others who had had the same struggle, and he now had the power to fight with and for them, creating change.

