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Classroom Bullying

In Ray Bradbury’s, “All Summer in a Day” he conveys that distrust and jealousy often encourage bullying in children through the harassment of Margot. For example, Margot's peers remain skeptics “‘Aw, you didn’t write that!’ protested one of the boys” (1), even after Margot says “I did.”(1). Refusing to look at the facts, the children look only on the outside of Margot and not the inside because of the distrust they have against Margot. The children rather be ignorant and wrong about the sun rather than be accepting of Margot’s experiences. In addition, the children “Surged about her, caught her up and bore her. . . back into a tunnel, a room, a closet, where they slammed and locked the door.”(1), causing Margot to “beat and throwing herself against it”. Like lions hunting their prey, the children “surged about her (Margot)” and viciously killed her spirit and ate her confidence because of envy. Margot’s classmate’s actions are a reflection of themselves showing children with a dark heart. Furthermore, the children “Then, smiling, they turned and went out and back down the tunnel” (1), showing no regret of their actions. Margot’s classmates choose to ignore her pleas and express their lack of shame and empathy. The children lack regret because they feel their actions are just and righteous. Distrust and jealousy make a deadly combo that becomes strong enough to turn the seemingly innocent into devils.

I had to change my whole essay because in many words . . .  it sucked. Yes, I admit this is my worst piece of writing at Bellarmine. Looking back at it now, I recognize all the mistakes that I made. Even now it is not perfect, but at least it is hundred times better than what it was before. I changed all my commentary and because of that I had to also change my conclusion sentence. I basically rewrote the essay!

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