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Classroom Bullying

In Ray Bradbury’s, “All Summer in a Day” he conveys that children often bully each

other out of jealousy and stubbornness through their harassment of Margot. For example, the

class shows disbelief over Margot’s description of the sun by telling her “ ‘Aw, you didn’t write

that!’ protested one of the boys” (1), even though Margot says “I did.”(1). The children show

they are close minded and skeptics when they expressed their disbelief in Margot’s description of

the sun. Margot loses self-confidence because of the doubts she gets from her peers. In addition,

the children push and tease her, resulting in Margot becoming an introvert. Even though the

constant bullying causes much sadness to Margot, the bullying helps fuel her desire to see the

sun. On the other hand, envy fuels the bullying toward Margot. Furthermore, the children

“caught her (Margot) up and bore her” and carried her “back into a tunnel, a room, a closet,

where they slammed and locked the door.” (1), but eventually released her with remorse.

Remorse shows because envy no longer blinds Margot. Margot’s classmates are not malevolent

instead they are young children who are blinded by jealousy. Children bully not out of necessity

or habit, but by envy.