

To Any Would-Be Terrorists

To Any Would-Be Terrorists is a short story written by an Arab named, Naomi Shihab Nye. She starts off her story by writing about her country back home in the middle east. It is like she is writing a letter to her country voicing her displeasure. She talks about how disappointed she is in her country with all of the terrorists that there are and how they're bringing down the country. She is crying out to Americans saying how her country is not like this. She says that her country are great, caring, loving people who are not terrorist type people. She talks about her family and how nice they are. She then goes on to write about four things she wants us to think about. The first one is how people judge her just because she's Palestinian. She works so hard to show that she is a normal nice person but people judge her just because she's brown. The second one she talked about was her grandmother and how faithful to god she was and how everyone is different we just need to accept them. The third was how Americans are killing innocent people over there and how they need to stop doing that. The last one was basically talking about their countries pride and how nice they are.

I think that this was a very powerful short story and I'm really glad I picked this one. Naomi's cry in this short story makes me not want to judge any race ever again. Just because some of them ruin it for others doesn't mean that there all bad people. When I was reading this I could just hear her heart cry out because so many people were ruining it for her country and everything that they had worked for is ruined because of the terrorists. You could tell that she had deep family heritage and she cared a lot about her family because she talked about them all. I think it is cool how throughout this all happening to her country, she is still proud of her race and who she is. She isn't afraid to say who she is and I think that is a valuable trait that we all need to learn. A lot of people would have been ashamed but not her. I thought that she brought up a very interesting part when she started talking about god. A lot of times people don't just freely talk about god in public because the world says not too and a lot of people don't like too. But

I personally think that was awesome when I was reading it. It showed how many Arabs are religious and great people and it hurts me to think that their lives are being affected in a negative way when terrorists are out there ruining it for them. I was all for going over to Iraq and stuff but after reading her story it makes me think that this is a bad thing and I truly believe now that it is. We are over there roaming the streets and killing innocent people because a couple of terrorists decided to be selfish and affect their country. How would the US like it if a couple of Americans terrorized a country and then we all had to pay for it? We wouldn't like it at all and I think we should pull out of the middle east.