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# PRAYER





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# SUBJECTS OF FOCUS

## Concepts of Heroism

What makes a hero?



## Heroes as Human

Are heroes human?



## Rizal as a Hero

How did Rizal become a hero?



## RA 1425

What is Rizal Law?



## Issues on Rizal Law

What are the controversies?



## RA 1425 in present days

How RA 1425 is still relevant?



*Who do you consider as a hero?*

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What makes a hero?

## *Etymological Definition*

- from Old French heroe (14c., Modern French héros), "man of superhuman strength or physical courage,"
- from Latin heros (plural heroes) "hero, demi-god, illustrious man,"
- from Greek hērōs (plural hērōes) "demi-god." This is of uncertain origin; perhaps originally "defender, protector"





What makes a hero?

## *Historical Definition*

- 1. a person admired for great deeds or fine qualities
- 2 : a person who shows great courage
- 3 : the chief male character in a story, play, or poem.

## HEROES AS HUMAN

Are heroes human?



*Reverence without understanding is  
for deities, not flesh and blood  
heroes like Rizal. Hero-worship  
must be both historical and critical.*

*- Adrian Cristobal*



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*"If Rizal is treated like God, he becomes unattainable and his accomplishments **inhuman**."*

*- Ambeth Ocampo*

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### *Heroes are human beings*

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# *How did Rizal become a hero?*

*acc. to National Heroes Commission*

- An admirable leader towering over his peers,
- who serves a noble cause,
- possessing exceptional talent,
- distinguished valor and/or hold enterprise,
- exercising a determinative influence over the spiritual life of his people in a particular remarkable event.



## RIZAL AS A HERO



How did Rizal became a hero?

### *Who made Rizal our national hero?*

In 1901, less than five years after he was executed by firing squad on Dec. 30, 1896, Rizal “had become Philippine National Hero” under the United States colonial government of Civil Governor William Howard Taft “regardless of whether any legislature, Filipino or foreign, had declared him as such.”



## *How one becomes a hero?*

*according to Dr. Corpuz,*

- the extent of the person's sacrifice for the welfare of the country
- motives and methods employed in the attainment of the ideal
- the moral character of the person
- the influence of the person to his age or epoch and the succeeding eras
- heroes are those who have a concept of a nation and thereafter and struggle for the nation's freedom
- heroes also think of the future





*Republic Act 1425:*  
*Rizal Law*



RA 1425

What is Rizal Law?

## *Republic Act 1425: Rizal Law*

**Republic Act 1425**, commonly known as the Rizal Law and authored by Senator Claro M. Recto, was signed by the president on June 12, 1956. The passing of the Rizal Law gave rise to the implementation of the Rizal course as a requirement for graduation in all non-degree and degree courses in the tertiary education.





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## *Republic Act 1425: Rizal Law*

It requires the curricula of private and public schools, colleges, and universities to include courses on the life, works, and writings of Jose Rizal, particularly his novels *Noli Me Tangere* and *El Filibusterismo*. According to the Official Gazette, the law was made effective on August 16, 1956.



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## *Republic Act 1425: Rizal Law*

<https://www.officialgazette.gov.ph/1956/06/12/republic-act-no-1425/>





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## *Objectives of Rizal Law*

- **recognize the relevance** of Rizal's ideals, thoughts, teachings, and life-values to present conditions in the community and the country and apply them in the solution to day-to-day situations and problems of contemporary life
- **develop an understanding and appreciation** of the qualities, behavior, and character of Rizal, as well as his thoughts and ideas, and thus **foster the development of moral character**, personal discipline, citizenship, and vocational efficiency



## ISSUES ON RIZAL LAW

What are the controversies?

### *Church vs. RA 1425*

- The controversial part on the RA 1425 was that it mandates the reading of Noli Me Tangere and El Filibusterismo considering that the novel in some part were anti-Catholic. For the church, it is not a constant and inspiring source of patriotism for the minds of the youth. The Catholic church finds some passage of Rizal's novels were deemed offensive to the catholic faith.





## RA 1425 IN PRESENT DAYS

How RA 1425 is still relevant?

### *RA 1425 in College*

- Today, more than any other period of our history, "there is a need for a rededication to the ideals of freedom and nationalism for our heroes who lived and died. In honoring our heroes, particularly the national hero and patriot, Jose Rizal, we remember with special fondness and devotion their lives and works that helped shape our national character.



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### *RA 1425 in College*

- We must learn Rizal as a modern man who conquered his inferiorities. Rizal became a hero because he responded to the challenge of conquering himself and he succeeded. In the end, he was finally able to accept a great responsibility-he gave his own life for his country. From a weak, frail child, Jose Rizal rose to become one of the tallest men in history.



# Questions?



Is RA 1425 relevant  
to your program?





# Thank You!



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