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In the past, present, and future we will always have people showing acts of hatred and injustice. However, we must remember that there will be people showing brave acts of kindness and people standing up for what is right. It is very important to do what is right, no matter how difficult it may seem. Recently, a young girl from Pakistan was nearly killed for wanting to go to school. This young girl's name is Malala Yousafzai. Malala was shot in the head for speaking up for girls' rights for education. She was protesting not just for girls in her country, but for every young girl to have the opportunity to go to school, everywhere in the world. Luckily, Malala was immediately rushed to a hospital, and she is still recovering. It is amazing how people around the world will do the best they can just to save a young, innocent girl.

When I heard Malala's story, I was shocked for many different reasons. I was surprised that someone would be brave enough to endanger their life for a particular freedom. Then, I realized that the freedom of education was extremely important to Malala. It also made me surprised that someone would shoot Malala Yousafzai for speaking up. I think that what happened to Malala was terrible, and that people should definitely look up to her. She is a sign that we need a change to finally occur.

There are different things that you and I can do to help Malala and girls like her. We can help by praying and donating money to help Malala recover from her injury. Malala Yousafzai attempted to stop the hate by speaking up for girls' rights in Pakistan. She did not fail though, because now Malala has people on her side from around the world. Even though children my age don't think they are able to help much, we certainly can, at the very least, keep Malala in our prayers. When we get older, we can become doctors and surgeons that help save the lives of people, like Malala Yousafzais. Also, we should promote the right of education for all children, regardless of their gender, nationality, and religion. We can promote education by making posters, starting support groups, and by creating websites that educate others about the wrong in our world. Just because some cultures and people are different, does not mean that you should treat people differently to each other. To stop hate in the world, we must start small and work our way up to more vast areas in the world. It is important that in order for us to have a better world full of equality for every person, we need to have the same rights and freedoms that apply to us all. Malala Yousafzai is a great example for us, and we can all help her and many other girls with little things, that make a big difference.