

FYRE Essay

Every Day is a good example of how one person has so much personal responsibility over other people's lives. Normal people cannot switch bodies every day, but they still have an impact on others and themselves. A teaches us to take responsibility for our actions, and our inactions, whether it depends on someone's entire life story or just showing up to class.

One of the issues that A deals with in *Every Day* is that they switch bodies every day, and they want to keep meeting up with Rhiannon. A could either do nothing and forget about Rhiannon, or they could potentially ruin their host body's life and be with Rhiannon. Such as when A was in Justin's body, Rhiannon's abusive boyfriend, and acted out of character for Justin. Their kindness and love towards Rhiannon impacted her, and seemed out of place for Justin. A's actions as Justin mislead Rhiannon to think that Justin had changed for the better, altering her expectations in such a way to be hurt again the next day. Another example is when A decided to what they wanted in Nathan's body, and that's how they permanently altered Nathan's life in one night to chase Rhiannon. After Nathan was found coming home from a party, pulled over on the side of the road in the middle of the night, everyone thought differently of him and he began claiming possession. Because of that, Nathan was ridiculed by some for such a claim, and some admired him for being so brave. Before, A usually just kept to their host body's routine, acting as though it's not another being inside the body. After the incident with Nathan, A was more cautious about what they did with Rhiannon. However, they still did things that were out of character for their host body, such as skipping class.

Another issue that is dealt with in the novel is what A decides to do about the priest who claimed he knew what A was experiencing and that he figured out a way to stay in a body forever. A couldn't believe it at first, but towards the end of the novel, started to consider it as a possible solution to being with Rhiannon. However, the book ends before readers know what A wants to do about staying in the same body forever or not. This relates to being a college student because it's important to be skilled in critical thinking. Here, A is faced with a seemingly unrepairable problem, and suddenly comes across an impossible solution to it. What A should consider about the priest's offer is how they'll adapt to the new life they take on. They have to stay in the same body permanently, and have to be more careful about what they do. The way they act and go about activities will have to be completely different, because if they make a mistake, they can't rely on leaving that life the next day. They should also consider what kind of life the host body has and if that's something they would be happy with. For college students, when faced with a problem, they should consider all the possibilities and their consequences, and decide which solution would best fit their needs. Perhaps a solution is not perfect or not what they had initially decided on, but they should be able to make changes based on the situation and what's best for the most people.

A has the gift of being able to experience the lives of many people from many different perspectives and all kinds of lifestyles. Regular people don't get that, but they can try and understand other people by putting themselves in their shoes. Being open-minded and considerate of how others feel and experience life is important, because it

allows them to see the world from a different viewpoint and come to conclusions that benefit as many people as possible. Being able to do that would also help them understand what others are going through, such as with mental illnesses or abuse.