

RAGE

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The main reason I chose the word rage is because one of my favorite musical groups is named Rage Against the Machine. In searching this word I decided to find out why they called themselves Rage Against the Machine. The reason they called themselves by that name is because their rage comes out against certain government issues and the government's power. They are also raged against certain court cases where government power succeeds over all. Even though it's wrong there not willing to let them know their wrong (weak).

In my own word I thought that rage means unexpressed anger towards that which causes your anger. My own agree is caused by the little things, like when I have a hang nail or a cut in my mouth. The pain is excruciating, But I can't reflect the pain back because it is on myself. I force it on my surroundings which include other people and other objects. My rage sometimes forces the vein in my forehead to give me a headache. To me that's what rage is, that sensation in your mind that let's you know that you are frustrated.

Beginning my search I looked up the definition in the dictionary my computer. When I looked up the meaning of the word rage in the dictionary it was exactly what I thought it would be. The real definition is violent explosive anger. Also to be furious intensity, as of a storm or disease. Brenda Gillespie (39) stated that rage to her meant to be upset, to die hard with a vengeance, or when you act stupid. Julie Manning (40) stated that her personal definitions for rage was to storm or to be angered. Michael Manning (41) stated his definition as mean, mad, furious, or in his words " pissed off. "

Next in my search was looking my word up in the thesaurus. My first reaction to these findings was skeptical. I didn't know this one word could have so many synonyms and to find out that the word vogue means the same as rage. Some of these words I have never seen before and makes me think if I'll have to do an " I-Search " paper on them.

The next step in my search was to find what my word meant in other languages. I looked rage up in a German book and in a Latin book, but I felt that I could understand the difference in spelling and grammar. I take Spanish class, so it was easy for me to comprehend what the word was in a different language(s). Being that Spanish and French are similar, I found it easier. The Spanish version is estar furioso, to be angered. The French version is fureur, angered.

When I looked my word in books of poetry and quotations, the eternal statement " Do Not Go Gentle Into That Good Night " made by Dylan Thomas, was in there. When I first read this poem/quote, my first reaction was a was a quotation made what I think a famous five star general in the army would say. Now when I read it, I think of it as a poem, and not as a quote. In the movie, Independence Day the President of the United States gave an inspiring speech to motivate the pilots before they go on their "kamikaze" mission and in that speech, he used the quotation from Dylan Thomas. From this speech, the meaning of rage meant "force anger" onto the aliens.

In finding the quote made by Shakespeare, I had and still have trouble comprehending his words. But what I did understand was the meaning of rage in his terms. He used rage as anger, frustration, storm. How anger can beauty hold a

plea, in simpler terms. In later years of my life I will probably figure out what he means. I don't know how anyone could comprehend his vocabulary.

Looking for my Shakespeare quote I came across one of the requirements for this paper. I found my twentieth century quote in the Columbia Dictionary of Quotations. When I first read it I thought of it as an analogy for something else. Therefore I wasn't able to understand the full meaning of this quote. I felt it was referring to something else that was left out in this book of quotations.

The hardest part of my search was finding the Oxford book of Entomology. I looked and looked for my word in this book but came up short in my search. This book referred me to a synonym and I didn't feel it was the same background as my word. Lastly in my search I made up a metaphor for my word. If rage were a sport, it would be football. The fact of the matter is that football is a sport where anger is a factor in which all the players use to surpass the others players. This is what I have learned in the long search of the word RAGE.

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