

## BELLRINGER BOMBS

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TWO PARAGRAPHS ON THE FOLLOWING  
TOPIC ONCE THE BELL RINGS**

[This will be collected after 7 minutes]

**Read the following quote by Martin Luther King Jr. carefully and then write an essay that defends, challenges, or qualifies his ideas about justice. Use specific evidence to support your position.**

**“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”**

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“You learn you can do your best even when it's hard, even when you're tired and maybe hurting a little bit. It feels good to show some courage.”

~Joe Namath

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**Read the following quote by Antoine Rivarol carefully and then write an essay that defends, challenges, or qualifies his ideas about human nature. Use specific evidence to support your position.**

**“Man spends his life in reasoning on the past, in complaining of the present, in fearing future.”**

**~Antoine Rivarol**

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**“The tendency to whining and complaining may be taken as the surest sign symptom of little souls and inferior intellects.” Lord Jeffery**

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“Some luck lies in not getting what you thought you wanted but getting what you have, which once you have got it you may be smart enough to see is what you would have wanted had you known”. ~Garrison Keillor

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Instead of complaining that the rosebush is full of thorns, be happy that the thorn bush has roses.

~Proverb

He who has so little knowledge of human nature as to seek happiness by changing anything but his own disposition will waste his life in fruitless efforts. ~Samuel Johnson

Moderation is a fatal thing; nothing succeeds like excess. ~Oscar Wilde, *A Woman of No Importance*, 1894

Envy is ignorance. ~Ralph Waldo Emerson

The best executive is the one who has sense enough to pick good men to do what he wants done, and self-restraint enough to keep from meddling with them while they do it. ~Theodore Roosevelt

Eighty percent of success is showing up. ~Woody Allen

Something in human nature causes us to start slacking off at our moment of greatest accomplishment. As you become successful, you will need a great deal of self-discipline not to lose your sense of balance, humility, and commitment. ~Ross Perot

Smarts and action are on the same side of the equation where the sum is success. ~Garrett Hazel

Do not be too moral. You may cheat yourself out of much life so. Aim above morality. Be not simply good; be good for something. ~Henry David Thoreau

However mean your life is, meet it and live it: do not shun it and call it hard names. Cultivate poverty like a garden herb, like sage. Do not trouble yourself much to get new things, whether clothes or friends. Things do not change, we change. Sell your clothes and keep your thoughts. ~Henry David Thoreau

"Knowledge speaks, but wisdom listens."

...Jimi Hendrix

"The best way to predict the future is to invent it."

...Alan Kay

"A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty."

...Winston Churchill

"In Germany they came first for the Communists,  
and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Communist.

Then they came for the Jews, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Jew.

Then they came for the trade unionists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a trade unionist.

Then they came for the Catholics, and I didn't speak up because I was a Protestant.

"Then they came for me, and by that time no one was left to speak up"

...Martin Niemoeller, German Lutheran Pastor

"The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain."

...Dolly Parton

"Storms make trees take deeper roots."

...Dolly Parton

"Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm."

...Sir Winston Churchill

"Throughout the history of mankind there have been murderers and tyrants; and while it may seem momentarily that they have the upper hand, they have always fallen. Always."

...Mahatma Ghandi

"Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear, not absence of fear."

...Mark Twain