

The Great Debaters and Everyday Leaders

Before we begin viewing *The Great Debaters* today, we would like to see what you think about these three “BIG” questions. Choose **one** to respond to in writing in your SSEnglish journal. Be sure to give your page a heading! In your response, write a paragraph of at least 5 to 10 thoughtful sentences with no repetition. Write neatly, read your response aloud in your head to see if it makes sense and remember to check for GUMS.

After the movie is over, we are going to ask you to respond to the question again.

“BIG” Questions:

1. Are all people equal? Is it possible to achieve equality? Be sure to define equality on your answer.
2. Consider the concept of bullies, bystanders and victims. How does this movie relate to these concepts - what connections do you see? Which group has the most power? How can they use their power for “good”?
3. “Drew Dudley believes leadership is not a characteristic reserved for the extraordinary. He works to help people discover the leader within themselves.” If this is true, each one of us can be a leader. What would/does your leadership look like? You might want to think about qualities you have. What things are you/would you want to be the leader of? How would/do you go about it? How would/do you get people to follow your lead?