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I saw *Freedom Writer's* once before when I was much younger. I was much too young to appreciate it the way that I did this time around. This film made me extremely emotional. I fought back tears all throughout the film that is how much the message resonated with me. I have always been a believer that you love what you do you have to do what you love. Mrs. G truly cared about the success and well-being of each and every one of her students. It seemed at first like she had the support of her fellow educators but true colors surfaced when she showed her heart and passion for making a positive change in her students' lives. No one really believed in her mission and even tried everything to stop her but she remained true to herself and her dreams even when her husband gave her an ultimatum she stood for what she believed. She believed she has the ability to improve her students' academic scores and that is what she did. She was nurturing and patient, she did her best to understand and empathize with her students. She fought for them when everyone else had given up on them and written off as bad kids. The love in her heart led her to work two extra jobs just to pay for trips and books that should have been provided by the school. The most beautiful thing that she did was bringing those kids together, she showed that weren't much different from one another. Maybe the color of their skin made them different but they shared many of the same struggles and heartbreaks and in doing that she formed a family against them. Mrs. G knew from the beginning the challenges that lay ahead and that the kids would resist her efforts but instead she tried harder. Having just one person to believe in you, that is patient and understanding really can make such a lasting impact.