SPEAK: PART 5
WRITING ASSIGNMENT

DIRECTIONS: Choose one of the following topics to respond to in a well-developed paragraph of at least 10 complete sentences (no fragments).

A. (p. 153) Mr. Freeman tells Melinda that “nothing is perfect. Flaws are interesting.” He’s literally talking about a drawing of a tree, but what do you think he really means (symbolically)?

B. (p. 159) David is a true friend to Melinda, but he tells her something she may not want to hear. He says that people have to speak up for their rights, referring to the suffragettes. What should his words mean to her?

C. (p. 187) Melinda’s father explains to her that the arborists are cutting off disease and damage to make it possible for the tree to grow again. How can pruning of the tree be compared to Melinda’s life (symbolism)?

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