

"Everybody is a genius but if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing it is stupid."

### 1. Introduction:

Thesis Statement: Every person is born with unique abilities, but the society judges ~~all of them~~ <sup>all of these</sup> on single standardized metrics of success which ultimately leads to severe consequences to a person being judged.

### 2. "Judging a Fish by its ability to climb a tree": A critique of modern education and society

2.1. Uniformity is preferred over individuality

2.2. Rote learning undermines creative thinking

2.3. Cultural biases towards <sup>status</sup> over skills

### 3. "History's Fishes who could not climb trees but ruled the ocean": Misfits turned geniuses

3.1. Socrates: From corruptor of

youth to "Father of Western Philosophy"

3.2. Thomas Edison: From a "Stupid Student" to an inventor who changed the course of history

you are quite productive

3.3. Albert Einstein: From a "Lazy Student" to "Father of Physics"

3.4. Mark Zuckerberg: From a university dropout to CEO of Meta

4. Consequences of Single Standard

Judgement:

4.1. It leads to talent suppression

4.2. It causes severe mental illness

4.3. It leads to innovation loss

5. Way Forward: From tree climbing to ocean swimming

5.1. Educational reforms

5.2. Societal mindset shift campaigns

### 5.3. Role of Media

## 6. Conclusion

ur grip over abstract is quite refined

One day as a lion is better  
than a hundred as a jackal.

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Thesis Statement: Life is not  
about how many years one has  
lived, but by the values, courage, and  
convictions with which those years are  
lived.

## 2. Historical Validation: When nations and individuals chose lion's path ✓

2.1. Socrates choosing death  
over compromising truth

2.2. Imam Hussain (R.A) at  
Karbala

2.3. Joan of Arc embracing  
martyrdom for France

2.4. Nelson Mandela's prison  
Struggle vs an easy surrender

2.5. Malala Yousafzai courageous  
behavior against terrorists.

2.6. Afghan resistance against  
superpowers

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### 3. The cost of ~~cowardice~~: Lessons from Jackal-like choices

3.1. Mir Jafar - The betrayal to India, remembered for with ~~shame~~

3.2. Psychological dimensions of cowardice

### 4. Philosophical and Religious perspectives of living as a lion:

4.1. Islamic view of martyrdom

4.2. Stoicism: Virtue over comfort - dying for principles

### 5. Contemporary Relevance:

5.1. Youth activism: Standing up for truth despite threats

5.2. Journalism: Speaking truth to power at personal risk.

### 6. Conclusion

well organized  
creative and quite relevant