"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errrs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming: but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat." –Teddy Roosevelt

Guiding & Text Specific Questions

1. What words or phrases are powerful or unique?

2. What do the Roosevelt’s words cause me to see or feel?

3. What “impressions” do I get from one of Roosevelt’s short phrases? What other phrase offers a contrasting impression?

4. How does Roosevelt depict the “critic” and the “man in the arena”? What does “if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly”, mean to you?

5. Draft a paraphrase of one of the details that stood out to you from the text.