

WRITE INTO THE DAY

SAFE

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We'll write for 15 minutes and share snippets from our writing for five minutes.



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What do rope and rappel rescues, surf rescues, severe train and car wreck rescues, and search and rescue in fires all share in common? They require mental focus, confidence, physical conditioning, and courage to perform successfully. How best are children prepared for life's greatest challenges and risks? Is fear more of a male or a female trait? When you do google search on the word 'rescuer,' what images do you think appear most frequently? Do you think girls are socialized to be more risk taking or risk averse than boys? Does our culture prepare girls and women for lives of bravery and resiliency? Or, does our culture teach girls and women that staying "safe" is preferable to tackling dangerous challenges, situations, and threats? What does it mean to be safe? James Baldwin remarks, in his essay "The Uses of the Blues" that there is "a sense of the grotesque about a person who has spent his or her life in a kind of cotton batting." Do you agree or disagree with Baldwin's statement? Why?