Indomitable

World War II was the most exorbitant war in history. It was the war that took the lives of more people than any other nation. Frightening, isn’t it? On February 23, 1945, six men helped raise the flag of victory on Mount Suribachi. Out of the six men: only three survived till the end of war. These six men today are usually pointed out as the heroes of our country, and with the countless interviews with one of the six men, Ira Hayes, he quite doesn’t consider himself as a hero. Survival is not the only thing that defines a hero, but everything else that lay behind the lines. So what makes a person a hero? Anyone can pick up a list right from the top of their head identifying people as brave, strong, courageous, and many more, but there’s always that factor of survival that cancels the rest out. It is always the journey that holds the value.

For example, the book “Divergent” by Veronica Roth. For those who have not read the series: This book is about a dystopian society segregated into groups called “factions.” Factions such as Erudite- the Smart, Dauntless- the Fearless, Abnegation- the Selfless, Candor- the Honest, and Amity- the Kind. Everyone in this society belongs to a single faction, but unlike sixteen year old, Beatrice Prior: she belongs to multiple, and that’s what makes her Divergent.

With the understanding base of “Divergent”, let’s focus on what makes her a hero. In this book, being a Divergent is considered dangerous. These type of people are also known to be rare for their ability to use their brain in countless ways. Beatrice carries the respect of her courage to rebel against authority. Her divine prowess inspires those around her. She humiliates herself before many and sacrifices her own life for others, even if she has no particular idea why. Even if she was terrified of facing death: she chose her decisions for the better future of others. But what genuinely defines her as a hero is the indomitable mental strength she carries. That’s when you know you can call a person a hero.