

## Final Exam Project

Poem I read:

And then I realized

that to be

more alive

I had to

be

less afraid

so

I did it

I lost my

fear

and gained

my

whole life.

- Rudy Francisco

I use this poem because it shows that in order for you to live your life to the fullest you have to overcome your fears whether that be fear from moving schools, trying new things, or even standing up to a bully. Fear is powerful enough to keep us from achieving our goals and living our best lives. It feeds stagnation and keeps us from taking advantage of opportunities. The film that I decided to do my poem based off of was Karate Kid. Throughout the film it shows Dre having difficulties with living in China like dealing with the different language, people, culture, and etc. In the beginning of the film Dre is shown getting into a fight with Cheng after trying to stick up for Meiyang, although he keeps getting kicked and punched he still gets back up and tries to fight his way out. After that day everytime Dre sees Cheng and his friends, they constantly start to bully him whether it be them pushing him around, or dumping out all his papers. Dre then starts to fear them and goes to the extreme just to avoid seeing them like skipping school. To overcome that fear he had to face them head on and he learned that by learning kung fu. Kung Fu taught Dre to be patient and more confident in himself and with that you could see Dre starting to carry himself differently, it seemed like he started to embrace his new life instead of dreading what he could not control. Although Dre was learning kung fu and finally finding himself he was still scared of Cheng and his friends. He decided to enter a karate tournament that Cheng and his friends were also attending and ended up fighting all of them and winning. With Dre being more confident in himself he was able to conquer his fear and not be scared of Cheng and his friends.

