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Metaphor: Boot Camp

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Critical Incident #1-Assemblies During all boys health assembly, speaker states- "The more sexual partners a boy has the less likely you are to have a stable marriage" Student addresses the audience at onset of visiting choir's performance and says- "...be peaceful don't show anger for these people from Michigan"

Critical Incident #2-Parent Meetings Parents and Student Conference with guidance counselor where student states she wishes to attend cosmetology school and counselor responds- "...you know your parents are disappointed?" Student responds during a parent-teacher conference to the question of "What do you want?" by stating, "I need to speak to teachers and dad to develop a plan...my goal is to be an architect and be successful in life. Pass my grades and have teachers say I'm proud of you."

Critical Incident #3-Staff Discussions Teacher discussion in the teacher cafeteria about foreign aid. Teacher meeting on creating grading standards for the different divisions where one teacher states- "...we want to change the world; we want to prepare them to live in the world at the same time."

Critical Incident #4-Student Expression Letter from alumnus serving in the armed forces which reads, "I'm only a body doing a job." During student discussion on City Hall march, "...needs more organization than a meeting Friday to march on Monday- (we need a) position to stand on and keep standing on more than one march by one high school..."

Critical Incident #5-Classroom Instruction Casey at the Bat lesson where teacher is conducting a "dramatic reading" aloud to a class full of students. During the King Lear discussion of themes student states, "Characters act almost like real life written way back (in the 16th century); Teacher responds, "people don't change much"