

Youth Rebellion in

The Use of Force

Purpose of this Meeting

- To establish a definition for youth rebellion
- To establish a set of core questions that should be asked when considering any core instance of youth rebellion
- To establish what effective answers to these questions include using, as example, “The Use of Force”
- To Establish a set of texts that we might consider.

Setting

- The use of force is set in the home of a relatively poor farming couple.
- It appears to be in the kitchen,
- location is pretty much background information here,
- Time period isn't apparent but doesn't seem to be that significant...some time when doctors made house calls

Characters

Minimal Group of characters:

- Narrator is a doctor that makes house calls
- Poor couple that are the parents of a sick young girl
- Young girl that is afraid of doctor

Plot

Plot is simple:

- Doctor makes house call
- Finds girl is sick
- Girl doesn't want to be examined
- Doctor and parents have to pry her mouth open to see the back of her throat
- Doctor makes diagnosis
- Girl is presumably fixed as she can now be treated
- But a lot of force has been used to get there.

Youth Rebellion: What We Need to Know To Make Sense of It

Definition:

Youth does not like how they are being asked to act, and acts out in response.

Root Causes:

A difference in perceived ideas as to what is desirable or appropriate.

Purpose:

To overcome the “chains” that adults have placed on them.

Mechanisms (how does it work):

In this story keeping your mouth closed and fighting back.

Effects:

Anger on the part of those attempting to “help” her. She doesn’t see this as help though, and understands them as aggressors.

Could it have been avoided, or managed differently?:

Yes...doctor could have taken more time to get to know girl, learned some games to get kids’ trust. But this would take valuable time that he could have been doing other things.

Working Definition: Youth Rebellion

Applied To: “The Use Of Force”

Is it a youth rebellion? If not what is it?

Root Causes:

Purpose:

Mechanisms (how does it work):

Effects:

Could it have been avoided, or managed differently?:

Note that the explanations on this page can be spread out over several slides if needed.