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Courage is something that is very important to have in life. Whether it is riding a rollercoaster or standing up for a friend, people need _______ in their everyday lives. Trevor McKinney is an average boy at a school in California who comes up with an extraordinary idea to change the world. The them of Pay it Forward, by Catherine Ryan Hide is to have courage to put others first.

A piece of evidence that supports this theme is on page 235, "A shouted word, 'Hey' It could not have come from either of his tormentors. The word started at a high pitch, the voice of a child, then cracked halfway through."

This quote explains when Trevor McKinney was trying to help Gordie by trying to stop the tormentors who were hurting him. Trevor risked his life and got stabbed to help Gordie from getting beat up. Trevor put others first when he tried to stop Gordie from getting hurt.

A second piece of evidence that supports this theme is on page 249, "You know when you get a big bridge like Golden Gate, somebody might get depressed and want to jump? Well I kept an eye on that thing for months, and then finally I got a chance to talk some lady out of it. And I know she's still okay 'cause we have coffee every week." This quote is part of the letter that Jerry sent to Trevor telling him that he did 'Pay it Forward'. This explains what happened when Jerry got out of jail and went to San Francisco and eventually saved a woman from jumping off of the Golden Gate Bridge and committing suicide. Jerry put the girl before him and saved her life.