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**A Summary of “On being a Cripple”**

Nancy Mairs's “On being a Cripple” shows her opinions about ~~of~~ being a cripple. She talks about her life in detail and the great impact on her on being diagnosed with multiple sclerosis (MS), which is a chronic degenerative disease of the central nervous system that can interrupt the nerves’ signals within the brain, when she was 28 years old. Nancy Mairs chooses the word “cripple” to name herself instead of using “handicapped” ~~and~~ or “disabled” because people wince at the word “cripple,” or perhaps she wants them to wince. She even believes that “cripple” is a word only for her because "Society is no readier to accept crippledness than to accept death, war, sweat, or wrinkles." She wants people to know that she is very persistent to overcome the suffering from MS and to treat her as a whole human being~~s~~, so she states that “As a cripple, I swagger.” Mairs’s illness has both positive and negative influences on her. In terms of negative influences, she feels frustrated and depressed by the incurability of her disease. In terms of positive influences, she renews her grief and terror of MS and learns that MS is simply a fact of her life. She finally accepts the MS and realizes that life is a lesson on losses.

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2. Not enough details.
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