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**The Once and Future King**

I never knew how I got my name, but I've always known it's a great one. It is the name of a great leader, a king even, and I have no intention of letting it go to waste. David used to be the name I'd hear the teacher yell after a window was broken, or when an assignment was received late. I changed the meaning of that name, though. Now it's the name read from the list of extra credit assignments turned in, the name that my friends excitedly yell from across the street.

Since I never found out how I got my name, I made it a priority to ask about it. My parents didn't know what to name me, so they fetched themselves the list of boys' names. Each of them went through it looking for a suitable one. My dad crossed out the names of kids who were mean to him in school, and my mom crossed out the names of her ex-boyfriends. In the end, they couldn't pick one for me, so they said, "Hey, why don't we just name him after his grandpa?" I think this was a good choice because my grandpa is a kind person who always makes it his goal to succeed.

As for whether or not I like my name... of course I do! It's simple, it has a nice ring, and I just love hearing other people say it. If my name is all it's cracked up to be, then I won't have any trouble seeing it on the list of straight "A" students!

A name can be whatever you want it to be. Even if it's ugly, hard to pronounce, or just outright depressing, make it into a name that is meaningful, a name you will see on billboards, a name that people will call their children after you. But this all depends on what you make of it. For a name is just as important as life itself.