*50 Essays*: Read *On Being A Cripple* (p.244-256)

Read the Discussion Questions FIRST.

Take Notes/Annotate as Your Read and Be Prepared to Discuss the Following:

1. What is Mairs’s purpose in the opening paragraph?
2. Use your smartphone or a dictionary and look-up “cripple,” “handicapped,” and “disabled.” Compare our definitions with how Mairs views these words.
3. Pick out some words that make diction a powerful rhetorical strategy (wince, swagger) in the opening paragraphs… what is the effect of these words?
4. Look for emotional, logical, and ethical appeals. Find evidence in the essay that support each.
5. How does humor work in this essay?
6. What is Mars’s overall tone?

Exit Ticket:

Look at paragraphs 10-13 specifically: Produce the rhetorical triangle here (below) and then write an introduction paragraph (on the back) to address the following prompt:

In a well-written essay, how does the speaker use rhetorical strategies to convey her attitude toward her condition?