



Rizal's Appeal to the Youth

Where is the youth who will dedicate their crimson hours, their illusions, and their enthusiasm to the welfare of their fatherland? Where is the youth who will generously shed their blood to wash away so much shame, so much crime, so much abomination? The victim must be pure and spotless in order that the sacrifice may be acceptable! Where are you, the youth, who are to embody in yourselves the vigor of life which has departed from our veins, the purity of our ideas which have been stained in our brains, and the fire of enthusiasm which has died out in our hearts? We await you, O youth! Come, for we await you.—
Jose Rizal, From El Filibusterismo.