

GRADE 10B

PERSONAL POINT OF VIEW – LEVEL 1

- context – doesn't address prompt
- partial identification of focus, insufficient conclusion
- no transitions – 1 paragraph
- recall not reflective

Belarus brought to its knees by invisible enemy Aug/31/10

Article Response

This is the first I am hearing of this nuclear disaster and I am shocked of what happened in this country. The Belarus nuclear disaster did not only affect the people who live in the country, it also affected other countries such as Western Russia and Europe, not to mention that it is the worst nuclear accident in the world. According to the article the rates of thyroid cancer have increased by 2,400 per cent in the 15 years since the disaster and it is expected to go higher. This not only affected the people who were alive when it happened but their children too. There is a 250 per cent increase in congenital birth deformities. The author of the article says that Belarus is now forced to live, eat, drink, and breathe radiation and I think they are right. This is not the only incident that people are aware of. For instance, the Russians are planning to make nuclear bombs to bomb an entire country. Just from that you can tell that the Belarus nuclear disaster influenced the world more than people know. So with that information I would have to say no I do not think the people learned from their environmental mistakes.

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PERSONAL POINT OF VIEW – LEVEL 1

- doesn't introduce the thesis
- subject-verb agreement
- insufficient details
- POV not stated until the last sentence
- insufficient conclusion

Level 2 - Anchor

How does pop culture affect society.

Today's advertisements are a big part in society. Advertisement helps with people's sales, help people to know new things that are out or coming out. Lots of clothing these days are name brand so everyone wants to spend the tons of money for these name brand clothing which relates back to helping out with sales. Movies now a day are a lot about violence, death, hate, destruction. Little kids could watch these movies and get some bad ideas and then end up trying it out themselves. Movies may have the all mighty super hero or whatever and kids will try and be like them. The music industry is a lot about singing about problems and alcohol usage, drug usage and many other none tolerated things that go on in life. Lots of swearing in lyrics these days. There are actually groups of people that get together to stop all the "Hate Music." People say that some of the music influence the kids into swearing, drug usage and to go out and steal. Me personally i do not believe in that, it is only music, if your kid is going out stealing, breaking into cars because some rapper rapped about doing the same thing then your child obviously has some of his/her own problems.

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PERSONAL POINT OF VIEW – LEVEL 1

- no clear opinion
- recall not reflective
- limited ideas and organization
- insufficient ideas
- listing facts
- confused thesis and coherence
- repetition of content
- correct mechanics

Nuclear disasters affect humans, animals, and the environment greatly. The tragedy that happened on April 26th, 1986, harmed the people, animals, and environment massively. The explosion affected over 4 million people. It also contaminated animals and about 99% of the land in Belarus. One of the biggest environmental issues today is global warming. It is melting ice caps and causing lots of other problems as well.

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PERSONAL POINT OF VIEW – LEVEL 1

- insufficient details about writer's beliefs
- illogical sequences
- insufficient conclusion
- multiple grammar, spelling, punctuation errors
- unfocused written text
- style and voice inconsistent
- some attempt to identify a focus
- syntacts – inconsistent or incorrect
- informal language, voice inconsistent

How does ~~paper~~ popular culture influence young people

Popular culture influins young people or teens. TV for example commercials advertise products the young people (teens) have an interest in and they want to buy the product for an outrageous amount of money. TV is a bad influence on young people they watch TV like there's no other the kids dont go outside for no fresh air or exercise.

Kids today like me love to waste their money on video games CDs, Junn, and the list goes on I tell you what!!!. Teens spend most of there time watching tv or at the mall look for stuff to buy

For the female teens look in a ~~paper~~ magazine and see u. Pretty women, and they would do anything to look like that. Shopping and buy the clothes & the cosmetics & jewelry just to look like a chick on a cover of a ~~paper~~ magazine.

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PERSONAL POINT OF VIEW – LEVEL 2

- repetitive, very general
- importance of family is general
- ideas are in order
- basic sentence form
- basic conclusion

Family

My family is the most important thing in the world to me. They have been there since I was born, through thick and thin I know they will always be there. My extended family is huge but my immediate family is very small. There are only five people but I wouldn't have it any other way.

is my step dad, he may not be blood but I love him just as much as my real dad because he has been my father figure since I was ten. He was introduced to my mom by my Uncle . He works extremely hard to support us and he has showed us places in the world I never knew existed. He is very smart and he has an awesome sense of humour.

is my mom, she is the reason I am the way I am. She is so strong and loving. Her family started when she was only nineteen, with me. She then had my brother and sister. When my youngest brother was only one my dad passed away from cancer so she raised us by herself until she met

My family is the most important thing, even my siblings, is like one of my best friends even though we fight a lot. is exactly like my dad which I love because its like he's still here. My sister and brother fight a lot and lots of the time my parents aren't home so I have to take care of them.

No matter what, your family will always be there and I see them everyday so how can I not love them. I love everyone in it and thank them for my life. Without them I would not be who I am today. My mom, my dad, , that's my family and I wouldn't trade them for the world.

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PERSONAL POINT OF VIEW – LEVEL 2

- great opening sentence – like the question posed
- some transitions
- basic conclusion
- voice connect to the audience and purpose
- details needs more explanation
- sequence wanders
- consistent spelling, punctuation and sentence structure

Is Skinny Beautiful?

In today's society there is a lot of pressure on females to keep their weight down. If you can succeed at keeping your weight down, is that beauty? Celebrities have given us the image of what we "should" look like. When girls see some of their favourite celebrities in magazines looking frail with their bones sticking out, that sends out a very powerful message, which influences many girls' decisions.

Every day girls are comparing themselves to celebrities. It is because a lot of women have a low self esteem, so they measure themselves against the looks of other women, which does not only include celebrities. Many girls will compare themselves to their peers as well. It is unfair to beat on your self esteem by comparing yourself to celebrities because it is their job to look the way they do. Majority of celebrities have had some sort of plastic surgery performed on them and they obtain endless amounts of money which they spend to keep themselves looking good. Simply put, their appearance is their career.

What some celebrities are doing to their bodies is unhealthy and shouldn't be modelling that destructive behaviour. They may not realize it, but their behaviour is influencing thousands of girls to make poor decisions. Many young women are becoming less confident, angrier with themselves, and more dissatisfied with their appearance. This is partly because of celebrities creating impossible standards of beauty. Behaviours that celebrities are influencing can become very dangerous; for example The National Institute of Mental Health estimates that eating disorders affect more than five million Americans a year. That is a pretty outrageous number! That number proves that there are many people who are not confident with their looks and are turning to risky behaviours in attempt to change their appearance.

Beauty should not be about the outside, but instead come from the inside. The number on a scale is not what determines one's beauty and you should not try to change who you are because being yourself is true beauty. Taking the risky route of eating disorders will not boost your confidence. Beauty is being the unique you. Some day maybe women can give up the battle of beauty and realize that they already are.

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PERSONAL POINT OF VIEW – LEVEL 2

- general belief of writer
- well connected
- focus identified
- some transitions
- very repetitive language
- well organized

I know who I am. I like sports, I like surfing the internet, I like watching movies, and also I would like to choose my own career or job. In the book, The Giver someone else chooses your job or career for you. Is this right? No I don't think they should because there is a possibility that they don't know the job that fits you, you might want to try something different, and also the last but not the least you can't move on with your dream career.

If someone chooses a job for you there is a possibility that they might give you a job or career that might not fit you. They might judge you according to your appearance. They might not know the job or career you want. They might give you a job which has no respect in. they might misjudge you when giving you a job or career. And finally they might give you a job which requires a lot of energy.

You might want to try something different. You might like to do other jobs your interested in. There are other jobs or careers which are fun to do. Change is always good you have to experience different jobs or career before you decide. And most important it is important to try new things to decide what career or job you want to do.

You can't move on with your dream career or job. They might give you a career or job you wouldn't like to do in the future. They might give you a job or career which is not fun to do. They might give you a job which they just made up. The goals you have for your self will not be reached. And also you will stop setting goals for your self because you can't reach your dream career or job.

People should be given the freedom to choose their own career or job. You should set goals and your career should help you reach those goals. A person knows themselves more than another person so I should be able to choose my careers. Your choice of job should be based on your skills. Finally let me live my life and choose my own career or job according to my skills and likeness.

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PERSONAL POINT OF VIEW – LEVEL 3

- clearly defines essay in opening paragraph
- spelling and mechanic errors
- somewhat repetitive 2nd and 3rd paragraphs
- some transitions
- explains with appropriate details

Imagine trying to juggle four balls, while balancing one massive, heavy, ball upon your head. This is similar to the pressure that I feel on a regular basis. Metaphorically, these four balls that I juggle are my: family, friends, work, and activities. Every ball I juggle means absolutely nothing unless the massive, heavy, ball on my head remains balanced. School is the main priority in my life, but I become frustrated when it leaves me with no leisurely time to: accel at the activities I enjoy, spend time with family and friends, and most importantly, when school clashes with work. The pressures which arise from school, affect my performance in my everyday routine.

In my life, school and work are like oil and water, they simply do not mix. The pressure placed upon myself to achieve exceptional academics, along with the pressure to be flawless at work, create a constant mental tension or stress. This tension or stress is bestowed upon myself by my parents, employers, and my own conscience. Late weekday closes at work leave me exhausted and provide me with very minimal, if any, time to complete my homework. Yet a horrid day at school tends to persue the same situation at work. It seems as though the two act against each other, like two positive or negative ends on a magnet.

School and work are a bitter sweet combination. I work because I am saving towards a vehicle, while spending a portion of my income on activities I enjoy such as hockey, golf, paintball, and playing X-Box 360. I feel confident and independant with a job, and I feel that it builds my work experience, as well as my work ethic. I attend school, obviously, because it's manditory, but also because I strive for a fulfilling education, as well as excellence in school. This will lead to better job opporitunities after I graduate, and an increased chance of being accepted into a college or university. School and work together are quite a hassle at this point in time, but I feel that in the long run, these two will be for the best.

School and work severely interfere with activities in my life, simply because I am left with very little time to enjoy them. I am in school from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., then work from 4:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. I arrive home from work at about 10:45 p.m. and carry out my homework until about 12:00 p.m. When I wake up at 7:00 a.m. the following morning, I am absolutely exhausted, but once again I get ready for school, and insue my bus to meet the 9:00 a.m. bell, again, and the beginning of yet another cycle. I usually work four out of five weekdays, and try relentlessly to complete as much homework as possible on my single free day. During weekends, I usually find a meager amount of time to work on homework between the usual eight hour shifts on Saturday and Sunday. Weekends are like slowly twisting the cap off of a previously shaken bottle

of pop. They allow me a bit of time to let out the tension or stress built up inside myself from my weekday routine. I could easily just quit work, but once again, I need the money for a vehicle, I feel more confident and independent with a job, and I feel that it builds my work experience and ethic, that I will most definitely need once I graduate and begin to acquire an occupation.

“The only pressure I'm under is the pressure I've put on myself.”(Mark Messier). I agree with the basis of this quote. Much of the pressure I am burdened with is created by myself. I do not have to work, participate in activities, or be so conscientious about the work I accomplish in school. Yet, I feel that although these aspects of my life all come with their own pressures, many of which are created by myself, these aspects of my life are essential to enhance my mind and body, and that they are helping me to become a prepared adult, as well as causing tension. Everything comes with its pros and cons, and I believe that my life is a perfect example of this. This is why I believe that the basis of this quote is correct, but not when the details are acknowledged. For the simple matter that some pressures are self-brought, others are included with the situation and can be dealt with in less stressful manners, like school for example.

The pressures which arise from school and other activities, affect my performance in my daily routine. I see this situation as, school being the only definite pressure in my life at this time. Every other pressure is one in which I have brought upon myself and will cause less or more tension depending on the manner in which I deal with it. All in all, I've come to a quite simple conclusion. The key to overcoming or dealing with these pressures is to find an equal balance between school, work, and activities because they do not mix. But, keep stirring, because I believe all of the strenuous work and perseverance pays off in the big picture of life.

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PERSONAL POINT OF VIEW – LEVEL 3

- smooth transitions
- not skillful but approaching mastery – details need to be more precise
- clear focus on the topic
- sense of voice

Game Pressure

As stated by the former captain and New York Ranger's all star Mark Messier "The only Pressure I'm under is the pressure I've put on myself." He used this quote referring to his performance on the ice, but when I read it I saw that it makes sense in a variety of other ways.

As only a young adult myself I feel I have a lot to live up to. There are sports that are supposed to be fun, but as most people already know it's not like that. Coaches, parents, scouts, fans, and countless others attempt to pressure me and others like me into playing at the best of our abilities, but the only person that is really providing pressure is the player himself. Well I for one feel this way; I feel everyday I have to come to play and if I don't it changes my mood completely. Young adults develop expectations for themselves and this is natural, but others make the expectations for ourselves even higher to the point where pretty much all the pressure that we have on us is provided by our own expectations. And this is just not for sports, but for school and our futures too.

Teachers can't stress enough how important school is for our futures. They make sure me and all the other students work and work to get every question on every assignment correct. They make us feel that if we don't get high marks our lives won't go anywhere. So as students we pressure ourselves to the limit to live up to teacher's and also parent's expectations.

These are just a few of the areas where young adults put pressure on themselves. But in all of these areas there is one key thing that makes young adults do this. It is expectations, whether it is in my case to score the game winning goal, get the top mark on a test, do the laundry, or in the great Mark Messier's case carry a New York Rangers team to the Stanley Cup. It may seem that other people or other things are applying the pressure, but it is really only the person himself doing it all. In my experience through life so far I have realized this and am still wondering if it is a good or bad thing.

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PERSONAL POINT OF VIEW – LEVEL 3

- questions in the intro enhance organization
- clear and logical conclusion
- appropriate sequence
- appropriate word choice
- details support thesis
- transitions
- convincing details

What defines a person, what makes them who they are? A world without past experiences or memories, where would we be, would we have morals or values, would we be able to appreciate the things we have? All the bad and negative things in our past, what if they were gone? Would we still be aware of what can happen and would we try to prevent it from happening again to you or anyone else? Without memories could we continue to develop as people and a society...?

Memories help us understand ourselves, for example; how would you know what your favourite colour is if you could not remember what colours looked like or relate them to emotions or memories? When we are down and see all the negative things in the world we can remember the good, happy times and know that there isn't just the negative and that people are capable of compassion and happiness. Experiences can help us tell right from wrong, good from bad, they give us that wisdom to help us decide what to do when encountered with an important situation that can majorly affect your life and everyone around you.

When experiencing negative things we get to choose how we are going to take it and whether we are going to learn from it, we can try to make it so no one else has to go through similar situations and/or help the people that are. If a bad choice has been made you may not be able to take it back, but you can choose to make better ones in the future and avoid making the same mistakes. Though, these mistakes you help you learn we will not be able to learn from these mistakes if we have no memories about the past. There is no good in making the same mistakes over and over when you have not learned anything

from them. Memories and past experiences help us learn and understand the world around us.

History repeats it self, understanding the past will help to avoid making the same mistakes and issues so they don't occur again. We can look at the past and accept what had happened, this is not always easy and it can take awhile for people to accept. Once accepting something we can understand what has happened, so we can take the good from the bad and decide to change things if necessary, this applies to everything. We cannot change things if we do not remember anything from the past, we will not learn from and therefore the future generations are in risk of repeating our past mistakes and will not know how to handle it or change for the better.

We cannot expect everything to get better if we do not realize what we have done and try to make it better. People would not be able to develop and continue without understanding what has been done and change things. We need memories of the past in order to survive and maintain as a society. Memories help us understand the world around us and how we can learn from them to make it a better place for everyone, they make us who we are and what we need to know later on in our life and the future generations.

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PERSONAL POINT OF VIEW – LEVEL 3

- conclusion needs to be smoother
- attempt at smooth transitions
- logical organizing and supportive thesis details
- clear focus in intro

How this experience made me a stronger person.

The experience that has made me a stronger person is how I've learned to deal with having to change schools, houses and towns.

Through out moving all the time, I've learned that I couldn't get too close to the people around me. I also had to make new friends every time I moved. That made me never really have the chance to get to know my friends and the people around me. The friends I did have were not really my friends. That's because I didn't really let them get to know a lot about me. Because I was always getting ready to hear that we were moving. I also learned how to make new friends all the time. When I was younger, I had a hard time making new friends because I was shy. I got friends quicker when I got older, because I got less shy and more conversational. With moving all the time, I've learned how to do all of that.

When I moved I have learned to deal with being the new kid at school. By being the new student at school all the time, I have always wished what it would be like, being the students that saw how scared and shy the new student was. I wanted to be the kids that lived in one place their whole life. I wanted to be the one the new kid was trying to be friends with. As much as I wanted those things I was always the one trying to fit in. Another thing that I had to deal with was finding my way through a new town. I have also dealt with packing and unpacking my room all the time. After awhile I really started to hate moving. I hated having to move my things all the time.

The final thing, I have learned to deal with is having only lived in one place for two to three years. Then we would move to the same places. For example we would move to Saskatoon then to Moose Jaw. Then we would move to Gravelbourg then to Lafleche and Assiniboia. Then we moved to Wapella, that is when my mom said this would be the last major move we would do. This has been the last major move that we have done so far but we will probably end up by moving again.

That is why I have written about how moving made me a stronger person. That is how Moving made me a stronger person. I had to learn how to deal with different things like being the new student, having to make new friends and all the other things that happens when you move. Although I moved all the time and it made me a stronger person, I like my life and I like the people I had met and the places I have moved to. So with all that this is how moving has made me the stronger person I am now.

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PERSONAL POINT OF VIEW – LEVEL 3

- strong opening
- good voice
- clearly identifies focus of essay
- some smooth transition
- convincing conclusion
- clear patterns of organization

MY MUSICAL TASTE AND INFLUENCE

Metallica? Definitely. Megadeth? Absolutely. Fallout Boy? No thanks. In times like these, being fifteen and having extensive musical taste is not easy. With all the mainstream noise that is passing off as 'music' these days, it is easy for one to fall under the spell of rap or pop music. I choose to step out of the dreaded sight of the mainstream eye in my own rebellious fashion, and I am going to explain why I do so along with where my musical influence came from.

Growing up in Regina, Saskatchewan, there were three main people that influenced my musical taste. The first event I can remember (or at least remember being told about) happened before I was even born. As my father was driving my mother to the hospital to give birth to me, the song that was currently echoing through the 1980's style crown Victoria from the radio was 'Revolution' by The Beatles. This just so happens to be one of my favorite Beatles songs to this day, which leads me to influence #1: My father. Ever since I could remember, my father has liked The Beatles. He was growing up when they were in their popular prime, and he even owns an original pressing of 'The White Album'. I can distinctively remember long car rides filled with Yellow Submarine's and Strawberry Field, without catching a glance of either. Classic rock has shown me that not all good music has to be brand new and in the spotlight, and the truth of it is most of it isn't.

As we continue I would like to shift the genre to something a little different: Heavy Metal. When I was four years old I could hear my oldest brother Andrew practicing 'One' by Metallica on guitar all day and everyday. Eleven years later and it is one of my favorite Metallica songs. My oldest brother used to be bouncing off the walls to anything with a guitar in it, and he still is to this day. Heavy Metal somehow allows me to release stress and forget the strains of the passing day; it's like one of those squishy stress balls for my brain. Even now that my brother is twenty-five he is

still introducing me to new music every time I see him, he has been around long enough to know a lot of good music.

And finally, we come upon my other brother, Robbie. Robbie is twenty-one years old. We haven't always had the perfect brotherly relationship, but he did take me to one of my most memorable events in my life; my first concert. For my fourteenth birthday he took me to see two punk bands perform live, Strung Out and Comeback Kid. The experience was so amazing and unreal that both bands are now two of my favorite groups. My brother listens to a lot of different music, and he will always put down something I'm listening to then suggest something new. The only thing we really talk about is music and that somehow always manages to turn into an argument.

As you can see, my musical taste is very open to new styles and unique sounds. My mind is always changing and I have many different genres of music to reflect my current mood. One thing I have learned since the day I was born was everything around you can influence you, and everyone must find their own ways to express themselves as an individual. Whether I am playing electric guitar, drums or just simply listening to it, music is my life and the way I define myself as a person.

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PERSONAL POINT OF VIEW – LEVEL 4

- effective and competent
- logical conclusion
- skillfully introduces focus and points
- skillfully explains details
- strong cohesive metaphor `bubble and steam`
- logical and convincing conclusion

Pressure for Success

Have you ever felt like simmering water just before it boils over? I know I have. Once I feel pressured I start to bubble and steam, waiting to explode. Pressure can be internal, to feel the need to do well and succeed in life as well as being content you have to enjoy life and be comfortable at the same time. External pressures I find are just as hard to deal with as internal pressures. Feeling the pressure of other people wanting you to succeed can be a huge burden. Some pressure is good, it gives you an edge, but too much pressure isn't good and not only is it stressful but harmful and defeating.

Internally I put pressure on myself to be a well rounded person, to succeed in life and to experience new things. As good as this sounds, I tend to worry about many problems and I work myself up into a frenzy. I balance my worrying by being organized, but if something is added or goes wrong I get stressed. By working ahead and finishing my work I put positive pressure on myself and I feel relaxed. I feel pressure because I have people who love me, who have expectations for me to live up to, as well as the pressure not to fail.

Most of my external pressure comes from my mom and grandparents; this is because they want me to do well. Throughout my life they have encouraged me to follow through with my commitments. They have encouraged me to try different and new experiences. With the tasks I take on they encourage me to succeed in them. I appreciate the love and support they give me, even though it can be hard to live up to their expectations.

I am very fortunate with the group of friends I have. They don't pressure me into drugs, alcohol, the latest trends or the new gadgets. We enjoy hanging out and having fun while being ourselves. The trust we have in one another allows us to talk to each other openly. When one of us wants to do something separate from the group, we don't feel pressured to invite everyone else. My friends and I never feel pressured into being someone we are not. We support each other through the good and bad times.

Pressure can assist or ruin you; it's how you use it that makes the difference. If I allow myself to become overwhelmed with pressure, it takes over. Instead of being able to do things it paralyzes me. Positive pressure encourages me to keep going under any circumstance. The trick is to make pressure work for you so you succeed and not to let it affect you negatively so you fail.