

English 12: Synthesis of Text

Scale: 2

Comment: This paper is a 2. The analysis of “Circus in Town” is acceptable but the analysis of “Happyness for Sale” is not. This paper is seriously underdeveloped.

Optimism played a large role in the lives of Jenny in “Circus in Town” + Chris Gardner “ ‘Happyness’ for Sale”. They were both able to escape from their current lives, even if it was only temporary in Jenny’s case.

In “Circus in Town” Jenny’s family is going through hard times during the Great Depression, but Jenny is still positive. Her childhood innocence is protecting her from the true reality of the situation. She imagines herself as part of the circus and lets herself escape from the hard times.

In “ ‘Happyness’ for Sale” Chris Gardner takes himself from nothing to completely successful. He believe that things would work out and him and his son would no longer be homeless.

In both of these stories optimism was used to make Jenny’s + Chris Gardner’s lives better and more fulfilling.