

## English 12: Synthesis of Text

Scale: 3

**Comment: This paper was awarded a 3. While errors are present, they are only distracting – they do not impede meaning. The paper demonstrates an understanding of texts, but development is limited. There is an understanding that the lives of Jenny and Chris Gardner are improved because of their optimism.**

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Optimism often brings people hope and motivation. In both the lives of Jenny in “Circus in Town” by Sinclair Ross and Chris Gardner in “ ‘Happyness’ for Sale” by Jia Lynn Yang, optimism is the quintessence which bestowed their inspirations. Consequently, their lives are improved for a certain degree and hopes are restored.

Jenny and Gardner both suffer the cruelty of poverty and yet they never give up of life. However, Gardner, who is homeless, is one day intrigued to a “Ferrari”, a geniuen eye-opener for him, and recognizes the target he will persuit throughout his life. While Gardner have set his goals, Jenny is unable to afford the entrance fee for the Circus. She deals with it by her imagination and creates her “own circus.” The two never give up their hopes and remain in a positive attitude.

Their optimism helps them to have faith in their abilities and keeps their hope without respite. Eventually, Gardner becomes wealthy and Jenny acquired her mental peacefulness. Optimism directs people’s lives and achievements, and is the key for Jenny and Gardner to face poverty.