

English 12: Synthesis of Text

Scale: 3

Comment: This paper was awarded a 3. The paper addresses both texts in a limited way. The paper is simplistic, both in quality of writing and analysis. There is some support for the ideas, but it is underdeveloped.

In the short passage's "Circus in Town" and "Happyness", the characters Jenny and Chris have optimistic views which play roles in their lives.

Jenny in "Circus in Town" is growing up with nothing. Her mother talks about her being nothing when she grows up. But Jenny thinks she "is" going to do something with her life. She dreams of going to the circus and pretends her horse is an elephant. She doesn't get down on herself.

Chris in "Happyness for Sale" also was very poor. He was born poor and as he grew up he tried to change his life for the better. He is a single father who has to raise his child. He is homeless and moves around a lot. He wants to make his son's life better so he keeps on working looking to move up in the world. Once he gets money and fame he uses it to help others who are unfortunate and need help.

Both these passages show that no matter what happens in life, you should keep fighting, be optimistic and don't get down on yourself.