

## English 12: Synthesis of Text

Scale: 3

**Comment: This paper was awarded a 3. There is an attempt at synthesis in the first and last paragraphs (Chris Gardner is mentioned in paragraph #2). There is a lack of development with respect to “Happyness for Sale”. The paper shows a sense of purpose – there is an understanding of optimism – but there is more summary than analysis.**

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Optimism plays a huge role in the lives of Jenny in “Circus in Town” and Chris Gardner in “Happyness’ for Sale.” Both tend to use to the stragety of blocking out signs of lost hope; In order to gain confidence and motivation to keep “moving forward.”

Hope is an easy thing to loose and “hope is sometimes all another person needs.” For Jenny and Chris it is the rescue to their situation. Jenny was constantly bonbarded with thoughts of failure and low financial status. For most eleven year old girls such thoughts would crush any signs of hopes and dreams. Jenny found greatness in everything around her except for such horrid thoughts. She has no interest in money for she was satisfied with her imagination taking care of all she had ever wanted. She would escape from reality and regardless of her family’s inability to take her to a real circus she already “had her own circus.”

Both Jenny in “Circus in Town” and Chris Gardner in “Happyness’ For Sale” find the capability to find something great in a situation which may seem hopeless.