

# SUMMARY SAMPLES

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# APPEARANCE - ITS SOCIAL MEANING

In the article "Appearance Its Social Meaning" by Lorne Tepperman, the author explains how society defines us is often judged by our appearance. First, the author talks about how people are subjected to wear particular types of clothing to identify them from others. For example, individuals who are incarcerated are forced to wear a uniform to identify them as prisoners. Second, he talks about how clothes are used to reflect our status in the society. For example, the salvation army women adopted a certain type of clothing for their religious works. Third, he explains how clothes define gender identity. For instance, women's pockets are more attractive and feminine than men's pockets. Next, he also explains clothes are also used to define our background identity. For example, the way Asian women dress is different than the way white women dress. Lastly, he explains clothes represent the conformity in particular groups of people or institutions. For example, certain kids wear a particular type of clothes to be recognized and considered in a given peer group. All in all, he concluded that people tend to adhere to "appearance norms" (Tepperman 324) and tend to emerge trends fashion we see today.

Reference:

Engkent, Lucia. *Skill Set: Strategies for Reading and Writing in the Canadian Classroom*. Second Edition. Toronto: Oxford University Press, 2011. Print.

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# WHY MY MOTHER CAN'T SPEAK ENGLISH

In the article "Why My Mother Can't Speak English" by Garry Engkent, the author tells the reader about why his mother can't speak English. First, the author talks about how his mother who wants to get Canadian citizenship after living in Canada for 30 years. She is worried that she is losing her old age pension from the government after reading "Dai Pao," a Chinese newspaper. He also talks about his and his mom experience in Citizenship Court where the officer questions how the mother will understand the judge's question if she can't speak English. The mother attempted to give a money-gift to the liaison officer, but the son prevents his mom from doing that and he explains about the cultural misunderstanding to the officer. The author also talks about how his father didn't allow his mom to learn English because his father was afraid to lose his wife. He also explains that it is not the only reason why his mom didn't want to learn English. She was afraid that learning English would change her Chinese identity. The author ends with telling a good news that his mother finally got a Canadian citizenship after spending 30 years in Canada whilst his mother still can't speak English.

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# USING YOUR CELLPHONE FOR TALKING? THAT'S SO 2007

In the article "Using Your Cell Phone for Talking? That's So 2007" by Ivor Tossell, the author explains how the cell phone is used to do many things but not the talking. First, the author talks about how new cell phone attracts people with its new features. For example, drop calls feature on iPhone 4 has created a massive attention in the media. The author also talks about the use of the cell phone for talking has declined. For example, the author mentions the recent survey from Nielsen that shows the declining length of the conversation after 2007. The author also mentions that the use of cell phone has changed in the past half century when it was used to communicate but now become more anti-social. For example, people text or talk through a device than talk face to face. All in all, the author concluded that people have a choice whether they want to or not to talk to other people and nothing should be complaining about.

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# THE NEW HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONS

In the article “the New Heavyweight Champions” by Margaret Wentz, the author explains how women are becoming major breadwinners in the family. First, the author talks about many wives are employed while their husbands are not due to job loss. For example, many jobs are not coming back after the US recession. The author also talks about more women are in the workforce than men. The author mentions that is because many women have the credentials needed for the job such as BAs. In addition to that, the author talks about how the post-industrial economy prefers to have workers who a high degree of emotional intelligence. Women tend to have these skills. In conclusion, the author concluded that women have the equal rights to compete with men in the workforce.

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# IMMIGRANTS ISOLATED? TELL THAT TO THEIR CHILDREN

In the article "Immigrants Isolated? Tell That to Their Children," by Rosie DiManno, the author explains the ethnic and cultural diversity of immigrants in Canada. The author discusses how immigrants from similar backgrounds tend to be attracted to the neighborhood where they feel belonged until their offsprings start to create their own identity. She claims that the normal pattern that immigrants adopt isn't well understood by the authors of a Statistics Canada that concerned about the isolation of visible minority neighborhoods in Canada's biggest cities. She assumes the problem is mainly about a time before the immigrants adopt the Canadian values. She also explains it from her experience living in Jewish families neighborhood where the Jewish presence and cultures were overlapped after her Italians family moved there. She says that StatsCan report focused more on where people live rather than "how they live, where lives intersect, socially and economically" (DiManno 299) that would be enacting a better assessment. She concludes that the immigrant's children often have different experiences and identity than their immigrant's parents that make "the ethnicity becomes diluted."

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# **CANCER'S OFF SWITCH - BY JEDD D. WOLCHOK**

In the article "Cancer's Off Switch," by Jedd D. Wolchok, the author explained the effectiveness of immunotherapy over the conventional chemotherapy. He studied a case of a woman with brain cancer who has undergone the chemotherapy and radiation treatments, but the tumors continued to spread. The woman was introduced to a new medicine that was developed to boost the immune system to fight cancer; her improved health in this innovative immunotherapy treatment validates the efficacy of the treatment. He concluded that this immune-boosting method of therapy has significantly caused cancer to disappear through various ways. First, he explained the multilayered defenses that the cell used to create protective system could fight pathogens during an infection. These affect a cancer tumor. These multi layered defenses in which the blood cells coordinate some general responses against bacteria and viruses thereby generate molecular fragments called antigens which the immune system perceives as foreign which; as a result, allowing the immune system to precisely target and destroy bacteria and cells that have these antigens. He further added that the experimental drug that was used in the case of the woman as mentioned earlier was derived from research on a protein called CTLA-4 which is present in the majority of the T cells. These cells react when they recognize their target with other proteins which serve as series of molecular checkpoints that prevent the immune system to be destroyed. The CTLA-4 blocking antibody and an experimental vaccine resulted in regression of some types of tumors in laboratory animals; hence the process tested in human proves some positive results in some patients. He concluded that more than a half of patients treated with this method resulted in reducing the size of the tumor. Therefore, he believes immunotherapy will be the future preference for cancer treatment.

Wolchok, J. D. (2014). Cancer's Off Switch. *Scientific American*, 310(5), 40-45.

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# THE ADVENTURES OF BUSTER BEAR

In the book "The Adventures of Buster Bear" by Thornton W. Burgess, the author tells a story of Buster bear in the Green Forest. First, the author talks about the daily life of Buster bear in the Green Forest. The buster bear goes fishing for breakfast and meets Joe Otter. Joe otter accidentally drops his fish because he is scared of the Buster Bear, and the Buster bear catches it. Joe otter is upset with him, and he plans to get even with him. Joe otter tried to ruin Buster bear fishing day but fail. Joe Otter is later advised to befriend Buster bear. Buster Bear and Joe Otter see Farmer brown's boy in the fishing pond and find out that the farmer Brown's boy afraid of a bear and run home after seeing the Buster bear's footprint. Buster Bear is suddenly known as a hero to the little people in the Green Forest because of scaring the farmer Brown's boy away. A surprising happens when the Buster Bear goes to the Old Pasture to get berries, he picks and eats the berries from tin pail whose happen belong to Farmer Brown's boy. The Buster Bear is startled and scared by the sound of Farmer Brown's boy, and he starts to run as fast as he can while the tin pail still hanging about his neck. All in all, the Buster Bear is, in fact, afraid of the Farmer Brown's boy while the Farmer Brown's boy becomes less afraid of the Buster Bear after seeing him fleeing with the tin pail.



# THE ADVENTURES OF REDDY FOX

In the book "The Adventures of Buster Bear" by Thornton W. Burgess, the author tells a story of Reddy Fox adventures in the Green Meadows. First, the author talks about the life of Reddy Fox and his granny, Granny Fox. Granny Fox teaches Reddy Fox to bravely cross over a long bridge. Reddy Fox begins to think of himself being smart after learning so many things from Granny Fox. He tried to fool the Bowser the Hound but fail. He tries to prove himself and shows off to the forest people. He grows careless so much so he fails to see the danger that will befall him. He gets shot when he tries to go near Farmer Brown's boy but learned his lesson. After that incident, the Farmer Brown's boy knows where the Reddy and Granny Fox live. At the end, Granny and Reddy Fox have to move to a new place to avoid getting hunted by the Farmer Brown's boy.

# **A U N I T E D K I N G D O M**

In the movie "A United Kingdom" by Amma Asante, the movie tells a story of King Seretse Khama of Botswana and his wife Ruth Williams who face political and diplomatic chaos after their controversial marriage takes place. The story begins when a prince Seretse Khama of Bechuanaland is studying law in the United Kingdom. He meets and falls in love with Ruth Williams, a white British clerk, at the dancing party. Soon after that, they get married although he knows that his interracial marriage may become a problem in the Bechuanaland. They face domestic political and diplomatic turmoil due to the influence of apartheid system in South Africa. He is then exiled from Bechuanaland. He returns to the United Kingdom and left his wife behind. Later, he and his kid and wife reunited. Later, they come back to Bechuanaland to resolve the issues. In conclusion, the movie recounts the true story of King Seretse Khama and his wife Ruth Williams who struggle to help the people and at the same time maintain their love lives.

## **A STREET CAT NAMED BOB**

In the movie "A Street Cat Named Bob" by Roger Spottiswoode, the movie tells a true story of how James Bowen, a busker in the UK recovering drug addict after he met a stray ginger cat who later changed his life. The story begins when James comes home and finds a cat rattling around in the kitchen eating food. He lets the cat eat and stay until morning. In the morning, James goes to the city to busk but the ginger cat follows him to the bus stop and gets on the bus with him. He decides to go busking with the cat that he names him Bob. Soon people start giving him more money when he is busking with the cat. He also sells the big issue magazine with Bob successfully. From that moment, his life changes. He becomes more responsible than before. He goes everywhere with Bob. He takes care of Bob while he is in the process of recovering drug addict. In conclusion, the movie recounts the true friendship story between a young busker and ginger cat named Bob.