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### **A Word from Our Principal**

I always look forward to these publications and being able to share an experience with my students. This magazine celebrates your writing, art and represents each of you as an individual. Often, however, we realize that what makes us an individual also binds us as a community. My wish for you is to continue to explore and grow in the coming years and focus on positive interactions with one another—even in the face of adversity. As you read through the writings of your classmates, enjoy the marvelous diversity of our students and their passions. --**Marie Polinsky, Principal, P2G Manhattan**

### **A Word from Our Assistant Principal**

For the last 10 months, I have had the honor and pleasure of being a part of your Tenzer Community. As we read and enjoy your stories, and your productions, let's keep in mind the effort, time, work and most of all the bravery and diversity of all your peers who were willing to share their stories and experiences with us. I also thank you for sharing your personal stories and experiences, which I enjoy every day when I visit your classes, greet you in the hallways, or when you meet with me. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your experiences and adventures. Congratulations on your upcoming "Tenzer Word" edition. Continue to share, educate, and conquer!

Durante los últimos 10 meses, he tenido el honor de ser parte de su Comunidad Tenzer. Se necesita un gran valor para presentar y compartir su trabajo e historias inspiradoras con nosotros. Viniendo de tantos orígenes diversos, se requiere una gran valentía para compartir sus experiencias personales. La oportunidad de ser testigo del crecimiento académico y emocional de esta comunidad ha sido una experiencia gratificante. Es admirable ver como ustedes han elegido compartir sus pasiones y experiencias de sus países con todos nosotros. Los felicito por el entusiasmo y la valentía que ustedes han demostrado explorando cosas nuevas, aprendiendo sobre sus compañeros y apoyándose, y viendo como cada uno de ustedes **se** han transformado en jóvenes expresivos y maravillosos. Me inspiran cada día por lo que hacen. Continúen creciendo, expresándose y concentrándose en lo que aspiran ser, y hacer lo que este en el mejor interés de ustedes y la comunidad.

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Felicitaciones por su próxima edición de "Tenzer Word". Continúen compartiendo, educando y conquistando. **Yesenia Vargas-Criales, A.P., Tenzer Learning Center**

# Ms. Mussen

We spent the beginning of this school year reflecting on the value of education by studying different students from around the world's education experience and comparing it to our own.

## Why Do I Go To School?

### Luisa Reyes

I go to school because I want to graduate from high school, college and become a nurse. School teaching me communication skills I can use now and in my future. It's also where I learn important life skills that I will need when I finish school.

My school experience in Dominican Republic. I remember going to private school. Private was very easy because my teachers used to teach in a fun way. For example, they taught in a singing way because they knew my classmate and I would memorize it easy and it was a fun way for students to learn.

I remember my mom telling me that school in the U.S.A was going to be easy for me but I had a difficult time adjusting to a new culture, new language. Adjusting for me was not very easy because I have to learn a new language go to a new school with people I never knew. Meeting people from different race and knowing everything seem weird to me like the way they eat. I wasn't use to that lifestyle yet. My elementary year was the worst year because I didn't want to try and learn a new language or try to make friends it was really difficult for me but then after months, I started to adjust to this new life. Middle school year I started making a lot of friends from different races then I meet my best friend Asheena was a innocent girl from Jamaica. She was new to New York everyone was mean to her because of her skin color I fought so many girls because they used to bully her and I hate bullies and in order to stop a bully is to become a Bully yourself. I got in so much trouble in school because of that. High school year everyone told me that High school was going to be the best four years of my life but in reality it was the worst because I was not adjusting to it. I started making mistakes like skipping school to go to friends' houses and doing bad things.

My boyfriend encouraged me to stay in school and work hard because he knows that I made a lot of bad decisions in the past. He still tells me every day to go to school and get my HS diploma. If it was not for him I would have never gone back to school. He believes in me and he always telling me if I work harder good things will come. Having a degree means a better job and a good future for me. He wants me to get the education that he never get to could but he need to work in order to support himself. One day he will go back to school and make all his dream come true. I just love the way he is always supporting me and if I'm wrong he tell me that I'm wrong and to fix it .And I am going to make him so proud of me if I get my HS diploma and then I'm going to motivate him to college. He is the only motivation that I have right now.

## **Kwokfu Wong**

Why do children go to school? And why do I go to school? That is a very common question that most students will ask themselves or ask their parents. Most of the answers to that question will be to graduate and get my diploma. However, the reason for going to school is not that simple just to graduate and get the diploma. Going to school will give us many benefits like improving our knowledges, educations and socializing skills that we need in the future for our careers and jobs that we won't be able to learn in our own. Without these skills, educations and knowledges it is very hard for us to live in today modern community.

Different countries, different states have their own ways to teach students how to learn. For example, there are countries that thinks students shouldn't be always doing homework and studying for quizzes and tests they should have their own free time to play and have fun. While others countries thinks that students should only focus on studying and school, having many homework, quizzes, and tests, exams is giving pressure to students is helping students opportunities to learn better. Giving pressure to students, in other words means that students have to study every day and memorizing the lessons enable to pass the exam. This example is just like the country i have studied, every day school have gave us many homework and assessments take home to finish. Studying in my own country is very stressful and feeling a lot of pressure since there is always competitions.

In additional, studying in the United States feels easier compare to studying in my country. Studying in the United States is less stressful and less pressure even though there is also quizzes, tests, homework, and exams. However, here in the United States teachers will give us a review sheet to study one or two week before the exam, and also review it with us as a class. Unlike the school i have studied in my country which the teacher will only provide us the chapters of the textbook that we need to study and those chapters that we had study might not also be on the exam and have the exam one or two days later. Studying in United States teachers will give students more time to let us study and prepare for the exams. Teachers will always make sure the students understood the lessons and the topic before going into a new lesson or topic.

There is a person in my family who always encourage me to continue on studying in school and work hard. Which is my mother, no matter how tired she is after working but she will never complain about it and ask me to go to work. My mother, have always told to me work hard and stay focus in studying in school. She wants us to have a better future and career, so no matter how tired her job is she will always tells me to finish studying in school then work. She doesn't want us to have a job same as her which gets pay very low and working in a long hour time flame. My mom will always give me a brainwash encouraging me to finish studying in school which will help out with my future and career to get a job that get pay in a high raise and short working hours.

In conclusion, reason why i need to go to school and is it important to go to school? The answer is very simple. Yes it is very important to go to school. Why? Because without going to school you will not have as much knowledge and skills compare to students who goes to school. Skills that will help out in the future in your careers and on the job you will be working in the future, the skills that you would not know and skills that you won't be able to learn beside from school.



## **Yan Chen Jiang**

Why do I go to school? For some people school is nightmare because of there is too much homework, but school is fine for me. There are many reasons for me to feel good in school. We all know that most of parents make their children to go school, and I am no exception. I want to learn more knowledge certainly. In the school, I can make many new friends. Then I can do some interesting sports with my friends. I enjoy when I solve questions and learn about the things about life with friends or teachers. Last but not least, I want to learn English and hope that I can speak it fluently in the future.

In China, I studied in school for fourteen years. In primary and junior middle school, it was heaven that I have no worry and life is all about sunshine. From that time on, I had been fun playing basketball for my class. When I studied in the high school, what a terrible experience! There were also good memories as well. It made me tired because not only there was too much homework, but also I needed to wake up early and go to sleep late. In weekend, I need to shop to lay in because of I was a resident student. I also play basketball with my classmates or went home to do something with my parents.

When I studied in college, I felt that the school life is very wonderful. It was the most memorable time of my life. The courses didn't take up much of my time, so I played basketball or went running. I even joined club events in my free time. Not only that, I played computer, board, or role-playing games with my classmates. I sat the lawn to enjoy the moonlight that made me relaxed.

Now, I study in America. I don't fully understood the teachers because my English is poor. Even now, I can't lose my hope. In this school, I learn English with people from different countries, and there are few students in a class which is different from China. In addition, I am learning a lot of American etiquette and culture.

In a word, there is bitter and sweet side of school. It is difficult for me to learn English, but I can make friends and improve my English level through the study of English. In the beginning, I couldn't adapt to the new environment to study, I found that the classmates and teachers are friendly after a few days. There are also some funny misunderstandings caused by pronunciation, such as "Excuse me" sounds like "kiss me" so I feel happier than in pain. I love here gradually. Now, I like going to school because the all experiences are valuable for me.

My intermediate ESL class practiced four kinds of writing: informational, narrative, description, and a final piece on hopes, dreams and goals.

## **INFORMATIONAL WRITING: INTRODUCING MYSELF**

### **Jiawen**

*Where my family comes from?* My parents were immigrants from China. We came to the U.S in 2015. We live in Brooklyn.

*Where I come from?* I come from China. When I went to New York City, I was confused because I didn't know about here but now I like.

I went to school to learn English .And I learn a lot of English and makes some friends. I and my friend sometime went to the library to read something and we learn something new.

*My family today.* I am the big child at home, my mom want me learn more English then can be get a good job. I have two younger brothers and sister. We like to play together.

*Some of my likes.* I love listen different types of music. I love go to shopping. I love playing with my friend .I love talking to my grandmother.

### **Mei Ying**

*Where my family comes from?* My families were immigrants from China. They come to U.S in 2009. I was born in China. When I was 15 years old, my family moved to America in United States of New York. That's just north of Brooklyn. It was beautiful place and beautiful landscape to see or it can observe.

*My family today.* I am a student and I have to go to school. I am 21 years old and studying different subject and learning English. I live in Brooklyn New York City in an almost a house and not a small house with my family. I have one younger brother, one sister. One live in Brooklyn the other one in outside the state, New Jersey.

*Some of my likes.* I love to listening to music and I love freedom, I love many different types of music including TV series music and fashion music .I love to speak especially in English with classmate, teachers, friends from different country. I love shopping online because the clothes and T-shirt is cheap and I also like hangout with my friends and I like to help people.

My Beginner B class visited the Cloisters to view the Unicorn Tapestries. Students brainstormed about each of the 7 tapestries and labelled them, then described the setting and completed character sketches in preparation to write myths based on the tapestries using past tense.

## Lost Unicorn

Shan Lin

**ONE DAY**, a unicorn appeared in forest, his name was Bob. Bob was not lonely because he was always happy and liked to play with his friends, but until one day.

Next, Bob plays hide and seek with his friends, but he got lost in the forest. Bob wanted to find exit then he met soldiers. The soldiers wanted to kill Bob and they caught him.

Why? Because long long ago, people thought that when a unicorn put its horn in water, the water become pure and safe for people to drink, some people thought that unicorn horns could heal them. Unicorns are strong and difficult to catch.

After that, the soldiers caught Bob and handed him to mysterious woman. She's cruel and evil, her heart is black and means dark. She lived in Haunted house in 1500 A.D. She touched Bob's horn and saw it was cold and saw his eyes full of sadness but she did not help the mythological animal. She tasted his blood it's different other animals. It's magical. People heard unicorn's crying voice and its gasping voice. Bob was disappointed; he heard the sound the dog sucking of his own blood and smelled the blood smell.

Finally, nobody will know what happened next, but I only know nothing is a better choice than animal protection. About the conflict, I think maybe was greedy and kindness.

### *Unicorn Tapestry Story*

Badreldin Alsaidi

*Once upon a time, a long time ago*, there was a boy named Badreldin who was born in the enchanted jungle. In the old days the boy was walking in the enchanted forest by himself. He was afraid in the enchanted forest, and he was utterly pursued by the foolish men of the castle. The boy was arrested. He ran as fast as he can and was captured by fishermen. Then, he had to do things by himself. He was lonely.

After that, I think that the quarrel in the enchanted cloud turned his sadness to happiness and he turned into a unicorn.

Finally, he lived inside the fence around him with his charms. He was happy because he changed everything. Believe that unicorns they live happily ever after.

## HISTORY OF THE UNICORN

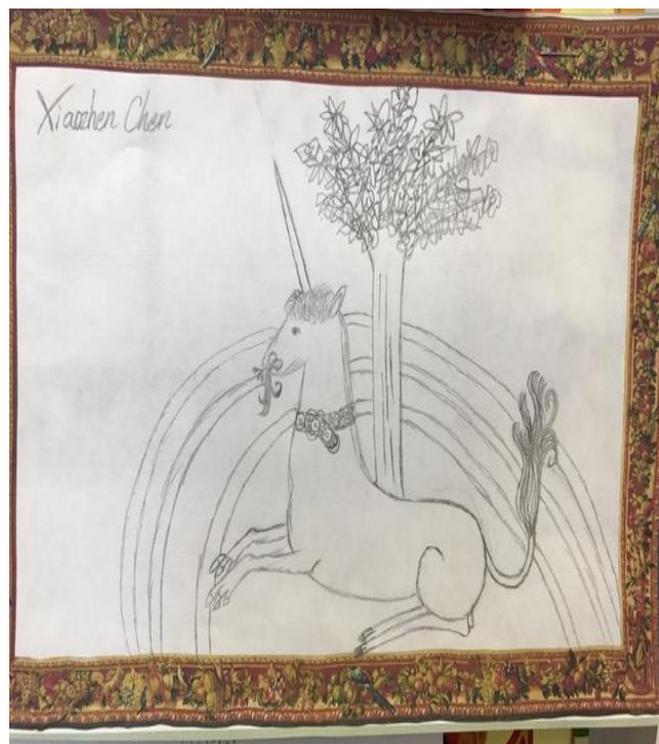
### JOSE DOMINGUEZ

Once upon a time, in the Middle Ages there was a **AMERICAN** unicorn named **JACK** who lived in **NEW YORK**. It was the summer. He didn't remember his family, but he was not lonely. He was always happy. His horn was delighting. **JACK** heard the hunters coming through the woods. He knew that they wanted his magical healing horn.

That day **JACK** was **attacked** by hunters. But he was able to defend himself against the hunters, so they would not harm him. Then he saw a woman in the trees and she did hide him. The hunters took him to the castle to capture him.

The hunters were able to capture the unicorn.

**WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THEY CAPTURED HIM?** The unicorn was already safe.



## **Yessica Chung Wang**

In a land long ago, there was a unicorn named: Little White. Little White looks like a horse, he has the same tall figure as a horse. In addition, he has a white fur, very charming. He lived in USA in a peaceful forest. He was very happy and free, with friends to play with.

One day, hunters with their dogs went into the forest to search, the atmosphere is very serious, at this time Little White felt uneasy. Next, he began to speed up his run, he tried to climb down and hide beside the pool, but he was still found.

Then, Little White still wanted to try to escape, when the hunters grabbed the spear to attack Little White. It was very chaotic. Little White taking care of itself stabbed the dog with the horn. After that, a mysterious woman came close to him. She was unfriendly looking at Little White. He was very sad, he saw the cruel hunters also caught its friends...

Finally, Little White was unhappy because the hunters put it in captivity, it cannot freely, it does not know what the hunters would do with it. Maybe it can escape? Maybe it will die?

## **UNICORN'S WAR**

### **Chengyu Zhang**

Once upon time, in 1840 there was unicorn named YUANLI who lived in Europe. There was a rare animal in the Europe called unicorn. This animal often appears in the jungle anytime.

But the royal families always liked to hunt, so they contradicted the common people. So the two sides sent representatives to negotiate with each other, but finally the talk broke down.

After the negotiations the royalty not only failed to reduce the frequency of hunting but also increased its frequency.

Dramatically it finally angered civilians and started a war by civilians. As result the war covered every inch of land the basin the hills.

After the war we never saw the unicorn.

## The Unicorn

### JianMou Yu

*In a land long long ago*, there was a hero unicorn. His name is Ahmigo, he saved friendly townspeople when the town was getting attacked by the soldiers.

One day, a helpful and friendly unicorn, his name is Ahmigo, he lived with normal people in Chinatown. Next, a bad king wanted to take over the town, then he shouted at the soldiers "Attack!!!!"

Then, a lot soldiers came in to the Chinatown and started killing all the people. Some handsome men came out to fight with them and some ugly people ran away from the strong soldiers.

After that, a huge unicorn came out to fight with the strong soldiers, but there were too many of them. Then the unicorn got a lot of damage from the soldiers, then the Chinese people said "our town is done, we lose!"

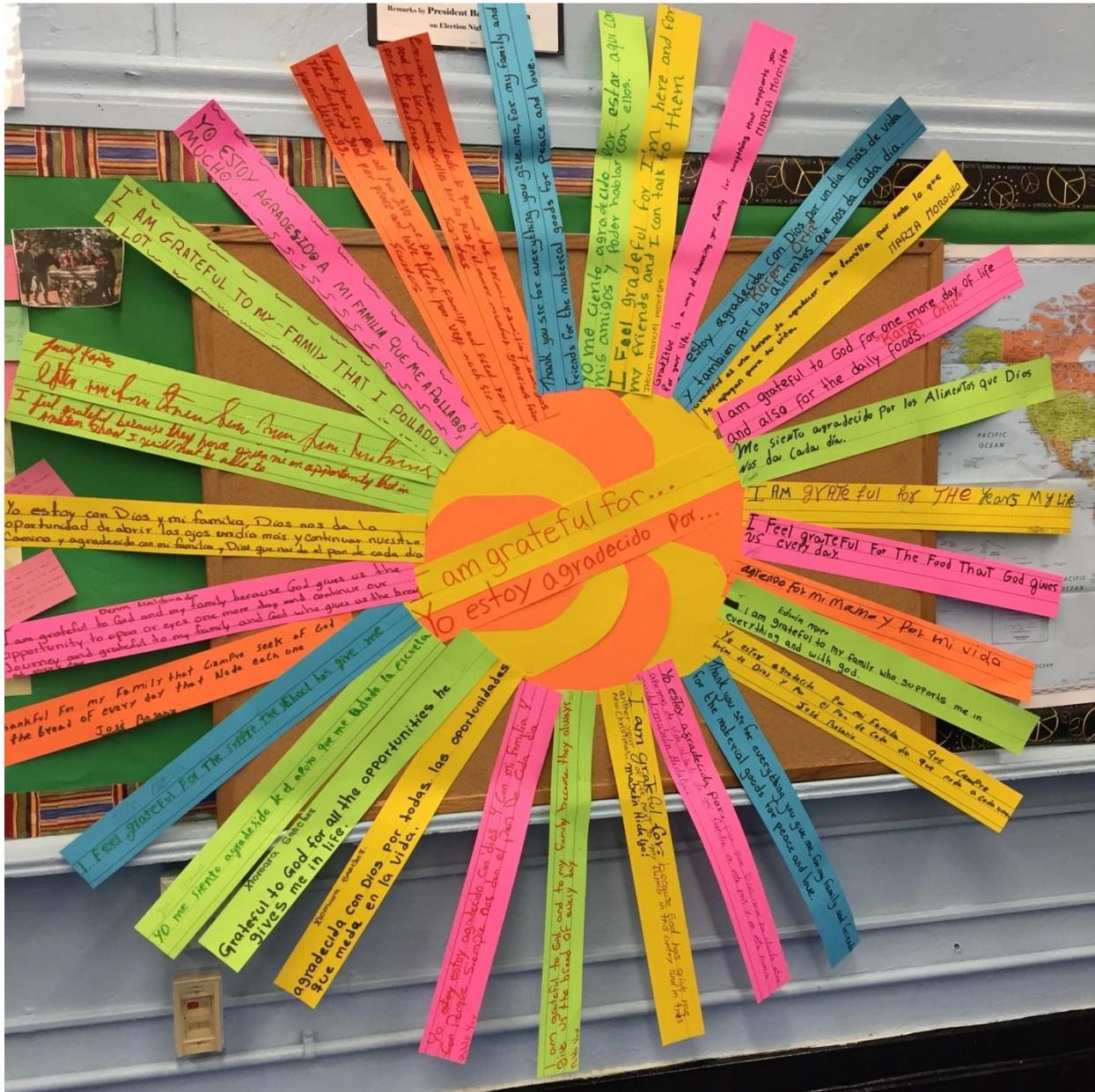
Finally, the unicorn used magic power from his beautiful horn. The sky flashed a while with lightening, the soldiers ran like monkeys, then unicorn lay down, a gentle woman came out and took unicorn back to her poor house, then started to help him, and the town is back to happy days.

## Yinglin Mai

**IN A LAND LONG AGO**, there was a unicorn who was named Shanlin, she is pretty, wise and graceful. The unicorn came from the sky. They are god's kids. The unicorn, woman and soldier lived in the forest in the Middle Ages. It's almost in the winter. There was a beautiful forest. There lived a lot of animals and people.

One day, a unicorn walked in forest. She smelled the flowers and talked to her friend, a cat. Next, a lot of soldiers ran to the unicorn. They wanted to catch the unicorn. Then, a lot of soldiers wearing armor pulled a spear. Unicorn Shanlin was caught by the leader of soldiers. Then, the dogs hit the unicorn. The dog is very ugly. That place is chaotic and crowded. After that, the leader of soldiers sent the unicorn to the woman who was the queen of the country. The people think the unicorn can make woman beautiful forever.

Finally, the unicorn was in the fence nearby tree and grass. The queen looked at the unicorn and the leader of soldiers looked at the queen too. After the queen ate the unicorn and got beautiful forever. The soldier got a lot of money and rights.



For Thanksgiving, classes created visuals to tell what they are grateful for. This one is from Ms. Cann's class!

# Mr. Kaverin

Students were presented with a challenge of discovering the most effective way to send a paper note over a long distance. In the process of testing various paper airplane models, they discovered the scientific method. They finished the activity with a written summary of the process called a laboratory (lab) report.

Eva

Problem:  
How do we send a note to Ms. Efono?

Hypothesis:  
Making a paper airplane out of the note will make it go further than unfolded paper.

Procedure:  
(1) use printer paper to fold into an airplane.  
(2) Stand at the back wall and throw plane at the front wall.  
(3) Throw 2 times and measure distance at the front of the airplane.  
(4) Calculated the mean of every plane and compared to unfolded paper distance.

Control Group  
- unfolded (plain) paper

Trials	Distance
1	0m
2	0.9m

Average/mean: 0.45m

Eva: Air plane

Trials	Distance
1	5.81m
2	5.91m

mean: 5.86m

**Eva**

Wenting Wu HI

### Paper Airplane Activities

Problem: Why my airplane will come back?

Hypothesis: Maybe my airplane body is too long?  
or my airplane have return skill? (just kidding)

variables: ① will have wind?  
② The power of throwing airplane?

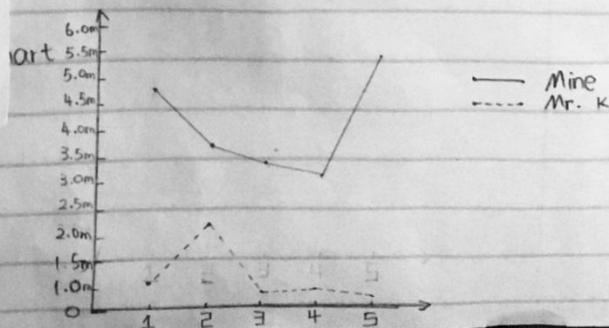
Procedure: 1. First, make my own airplane  
2. throw the airplane 5 time and record the test data.  
3. make a table for the test data.

Trial	Distance
1	1.09m
2	2.17m
3	0.89m
4	0.91m
5	0.33m

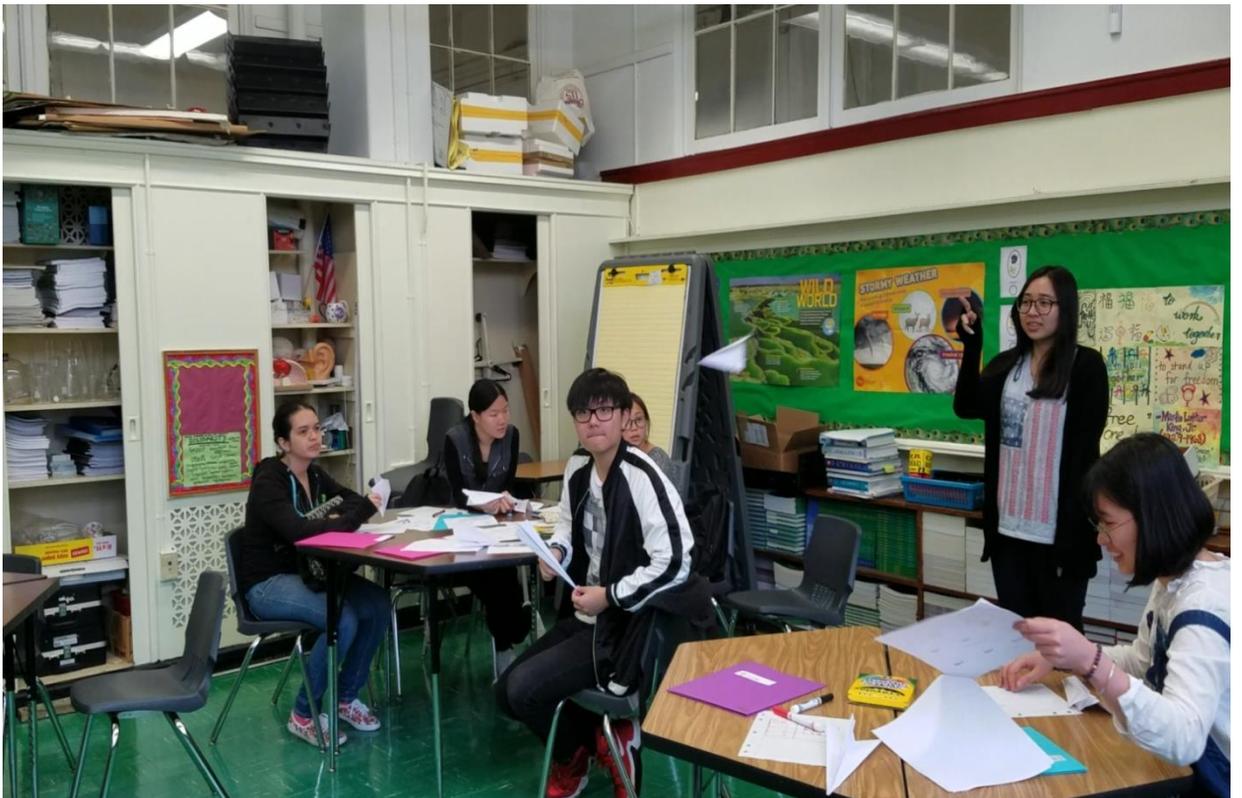
Mr. K observations.

Trial	Distance
1	4.71m
2	3.64m
3	3.47m
4	3.08m
5	5.43m

Mine observations



Wenting Wu



# Ms. Slote & Ms. Rocha

As part of unit on “Voices of Protest,” our students visited the Four Freedoms Park, including the new FDR memorial, on Roosevelt Island. We toured the park and did a workshop on the freedom of speech with park facilitators. Following are some student thoughts on the trip and the meaning of the freedom of speech.

## What are FDR’s four freedoms?

The four freedoms are: freedom of speech, freedom of every person to worship God in his/her own way, freedom from want, and freedom from fear. --Tania Farias

## In your opinion, why did FDR make the “Four Freedoms” speech in 1941?

Because in 1941, the United States was still recovering from the Great Depression. Many people were homeless, hungry, and unemployed. As a president, he wanted to make the country rise and make a secure society for people. --Lindsay Tang

After the Great Depression, many people lost their jobs. They economy was weak. People didn’t have money and felt hopeless. FDR made the Four Freedoms speech to make people feel secure. He wanted to protect people’s basic rights. Zhiqing Wang

He sought to make secure a world founded upon four essential freedoms. –Tania Farias



We look forward to a world founded upon four essential human freedoms. The first is freedom of speech and expression. The second is freedom of every person to worship God in his own way. The third is freedom from want. The fourth is freedom from fear.

— *Franklin D. Roosevelt* —

AZ QUOTES

**What is the First Amendment and what freedoms does it guarantee?**

The First Amendment is part of the Constitution of the U.S. It guarantees the freedom of speech, freedom of the press, right to peaceable assembly, and freedom of faith. --Junhao Zeng

The First Amendment guarantees and protects the rights to freedom of religion and freedom of expression from government interference. --Yongmei Wu

**What are some of the issues we discussed in the workshop at Four Freedoms Park?**

We discussed so many things there. First of all the park was beautiful and someone made the clock across from park which reminds people how many days the Trump presidency has left. That clock is in front of the Trump building. [We talked about that clock. An artist made it.] Is it also part of freedom of speech? --Manpreet Singh

**Comment on the architecture of the FDR Memorial and Four Freedoms Park. In your opinion, does it reflect the idea of freedom? Explain.**

If we talk about architecture, who build FDR memorial? That is speechless. He made the park very beautiful. Around the park is water. How they built the park in the water?--Manpreet Singh

**In your opinion, is freedom of speech an essential part of a democratic country? Explain.**

I think freedom is an essential part of a democratic country because if we don't have the right to say what we want, how can we build a democratic country? --Tina Wan

Yes. Democracy means "rule of people." Freedom of speech states people have rights to express their opinions. It's a basic right of people. --Zhiqing Wang

Yes, that is important because "America is born in protest." --Jun Yi Dong (J)

Freedom of speech is an essential part of a democratic country because it gives people the right to speak whatever they believe and express their feeling anywhere in the world. Also, it is giving you the right to stand up for what you believe. --Luisa Reyes

According to my opinion, yes, the freedom of speech is essential for a democratic country because I believe everyone should have the right to speak up. Doesn't matter what country you belong to. --Manpreet Singh



**Can freedom of speech be abused? Are there any limits to freedom of speech? Explain.**

There is some limit about freedom of speech. During the conversation [we talked about] three limits that happen in our society: personal, racist, and sexist attacks, and all of these are related to hate crimes. Some of the speech may not be hate crime, but if it is disrespectful or inappropriate, you may have to face a lot of problems. --Junhao Zeng

I think it's good to understand about freedom of speech. You can share your opinion and thought. But doesn't mean it has to be racist or inappropriate. Everybody should understand the limitation of free speech. --Sayeed

Yes, if you want to talk about something that violates human rights, if you are going to be sexist or disrespectful, you don't have freedom of speech. --Tania Farias

In this country there are some limitations, but that depends on the context. For example, if you are a Federal worker, you need to be aware what you are talking about. Also if you say something inappropriate, racist, or disrespectful to someone else, then that can be punished. --Yurianny Martinez

I think we have the right to free speech. We can say all with respect and without harming anyone. You can't say something racist or sexist. --Helen Norris

I think everyone should give respect to other people. You want to get respect from people, firstly you should give respect.

-- Tina Wan

I think there is some limit to free speech. You can't say anything to anyone. For example, you can't make any hate crime to anyone. Also don't be disrespectful or inappropriate.

--Manpreet Singh

I think that limits to free speech are good. Don't hurt the other person. Then he/she will feel bad. Use the good words in your speech.

Harpinder Singh

We should not say menacing words.

--Otoniel Perez

I think that this conversation is important because we have freedom of speech but we have to use suitable language. You can't say whatever you want anywhere. You need to be respectful and that is controversial because some people agree and others disagree. --Georgina Franco

I'd like to talk more about this question. We need to pay attention to speak something and need to respect people.

--Qiao Feng Huang

I learned free speech has some limits, like you can't menace anyone and [should use] appropriate words. I agree with that.

--Fa Liang

Today I learn the limits of free speech. I learn what I can or I can't say to other people.

--Aboubakar Bakayoko

In my opinion, everyone should have a limit and before they say something, they should think it first. For example, if someone is older than you, you should respect them. Always treat people how you want to be treated.

--Luisa Reyes

I strongly agree you have to limit your freedom of speech. But some people say there is no limit to speech.... I like this conversation.

--Nayeem Hasan

Can we speak on Internet anything we want? In real life, we need to keep respect. --Jun Yi Dong

# Ms. Slote & Ms. Mussen

**Our** classes attended a performance of “**The Metamorphosis,**” an adaptation of a short story by Franz Kafka, created especially for English language learners, by the **Educational Theater of New York (ETNY)** under the direction of Barbara Bregstein. Students had the opportunity to request scenes to be repeated and to ask questions of the characters after the show. Following are some student reflections on this experience, using TASC vocabulary for fiction and drama.



**Summarize the *plot* (sequence of events) of the play.**

Gregor woke up and found himself changed into a gigantic insect. He can't go to work and make money. The boss was afraid of Gregor. His father disliked him. His family didn't care about him. Finally, he didn't eat and died in his room.

--Zhiqing Wang

**What was the *setting* (time and place) of the play? How was this suggested?**

The setting of the play was in 1915 at Samsa's house. It was suggested by their clothes and house.

--Yongmei Wu

The setting is in the morning when Gregor wakes up at home, according to the dialogue and the narrator.

--Linghui Tang

**What was your favorite *scene*? Explain.**

My favorite scene is the first one because it surprised me. After a bad dream, he changed into an insect.

--Yu Min Zhu

My favorite scene is scene 2 because at that time, Samsa's family still does not know yet. They are concerned about him.

--Yongmei Wu

My favorite scene is when Gregor's boss was shocked by Gregor's appearance. First of all, it's very funny for me. I really like the boss' reaction. Second of all is the performance by the Boss and Gregor. The expression and the reaction was very appropriate.

--Junhao Zeng

My favorite scene was when Grete brings food for Gregor and when she sees him she screams very loud because Gregor looks like a monster. -- **Dinesh Singh**

My favorite scene is when Gregor's father uses apple to hit Gregor. This scene highlights the character of Gregor's father. Gregor's father did not feel anxious for his son's appearance. He could not wait for the monster son to disappear soon. --**Wenting Wu**

**Who is your favorite character? Explain.**

My favorite character is Grete. Although she is scared about Gregor becoming an insect, she is first one who takes food to him. She takes care of Gregor. --**Linghui Tang**

My favorite character is Gregor's sister, Grete. First time when I saw her give some food to Gregor to eat, I think she loves him. But almost at the end I saw her want to drive him away. I think she was very selfish. Before and after, the way the character changed was dazzling.

--**Wenting Wu**

My favorite character is Mrs. Samsa. She is an ordinary woman and always concerned for her son and family. Her reaction after Gregor is dead and every dialogue she said made me feel she is a great mother. --**Junhao Zeng**

My favorite character is Gregor. He knew his appearance is horrible and would scare people, so he chose to hide in his room. He had consideration for others. --**Zhiqing Wang**



**In your opinion, what was the author's purpose for writing the play? Cite evidence from the play to support your claim.**

In my opinion, the author's purpose was to tell us the author's story, to tell us the author's own inner life ideal. --**Wenting Wu**

The author's purpose was to show that money is always the highest value in that era. It is more important than affection. When Gregor can also make money for the home, the family is

concerned for him, but when they know Gregor can't go to work to earn money, they hate him.  
-- Yongmei Wu

The author's purpose is to tell a story. This play shows the sequence of events and separates into 10 scenes.  
--Rongxin Yang

**In your opinion, what is the *theme* of the play? Remember: theme is the "author's message." It is usually implicit and expresses a universal truth. Cite evidence from play to support claim.**

In my opinion, the theme of the play was to show the family fell under the corruption

My favorite scene is when Gregor's father uses apple to hit Gregor. This scene highlights the character of Gregor's father. Gregor's father did not feel anxious for his son's appearance. He could not wait for the monster son to disappear soon.  
--Wenting Wu



**Did you enjoy ETNY's *adaptation* of "The Metamorphosis"? Explain.**

Of course I enjoyed, because when I watch this play, I can reflect on myself, reflect on what I have in the same place as the protagonist and where do I need to correct myself. --Wenting Wu

Yes, I enjoyed the full show. I liked the live drama and the story was good. They are all good characters and the actors played their roles very responsibly. --Dinesh Singh

I really enjoyed this drama and I am very thankful for ETNY to give a show especially for English learners. I enjoyed because this story has many grim details and the actors perfectly performed for us.  
--Junhao Zeng

Yes, because it's funny and live. We can watch again if we don't understand one scene.  
--Rongxin Yang

Yes, because the play shows that in 1915, people were different from now. They only liked money. A person who couldn't go to work was useless. He would be a burden on the family.  
--Zhiqing Wang

Ms. Butler



My students studied the water cycle and then used their imaginations to imagine the journey of a drop of water.

### My Journey through the Water Cycle

My name is Ana. I am a raindrop. Rain is a type of precipitation.

Precipitation is water that falls to the earth from the sky and clouds. It may come as rain, hail, sleet, or snow. All precipitation is water in some form or another. Sometimes, I can be in another form as gas or water vapor. Condensation is when water vapor rises into the sky and forms the clouds. The clouds hold the water made from the water vapor, then travel along way blown by the winds. The winds blow the clouds, carrying water from one part of the world to another. In Canada for example, during the cold winter, most precipitation is stored in the ground as snow and ice. In Spring, water is suddenly set free and there is heavy run off to the rivers and lakes. Another way I can come is as raindrop that falls to the ground. Then I go underground to fill up the lakes, rivers and the ocean also. If I stay in the ground I become groundwater for people, animals and plants to use. Other time, I can be transpiration set on top of earth's surfaces like trees and plants. This water will evaporate as the air heats up.

**-Ana Rosario**

If I were a drop of rain, I would fall from heaven and fall into the sea so that it would be invisible. No one could find me in the sea. I could go to the bottom of the sea.

Then, I can look at the shipwrecks that are there. If there is no border, then I go to Bermuda water to see if there is a mermaid. Finally, I can go to the beach to bask in the sun. Then, evaporate back to heaven. **-Dongwei Li**



I am imagine that I am a raindrop. I dropped from the clouds of heaven to the ground below. And then I evaporated from the ground into the air. I want to go to clouds, where I can travel around the world. Then, I decide to come down to earth again. I am a raindrop. My life story is my journey through the Water Cycle. **-Ma Yu Kun**

My name is Neysi. I am a raindrop. Rain is precipitation. Precipitation is any kind of water that falls from the sky to the earth. When water from the oceans, rivers, streams heats up by the sun, it begins to evaporate. When water evaporates with the sun, the sky starts to rain that falls into rivers, oceans and the ground. I go up into the sky as water vapor through evaporation. Then I condense to a cloud. The clouds form more raindrops that are falling to earth.

**-Neysi Castillo**

Imagine if I am a raindrop.

I will tell you about my existence.

I flow along as rainwater, to dry and thirsty rural crops so that they can grow healthily. Then, I send some rain to the crops sisters, the city's flowers. Let them to look more beautiful.

I dropped some clean rain into the river.  
So that humans can drink delicious water.

Finally, my rain is almost gone.  
I will leave this world too.  
I am very happy.  
Because my life is giving!

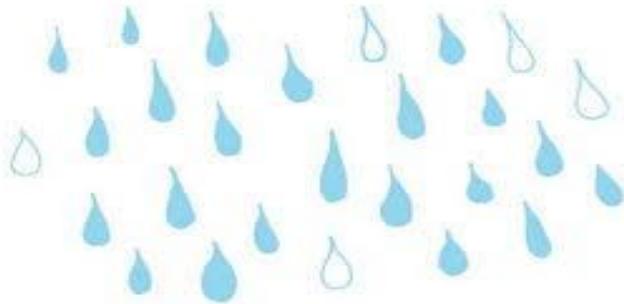
**-CHEN XIANG**



## My journey through the Water Cycle

I am a raindrop. When I have enough water that collects in the air the sky gets dark with heavy clouds. Clouds, that bursting with raindrops. Then we wait together, eager to begin our journey to the earth. Some drift into the river and oceans. They make big drops of water and swim with fish, and shrimp to deeper waters. Some raindrops decide to go to the ground. They set to the tops of trees. They wait, turned into sweet dew falling from the trees, dripping on the grasses below. Floating along by the wind in the fields, watering the crops and letting them grow up healthy. Where else can I go? We need careful observation to see all the places I can visit.

### **-XIANYAN ZENG**



Hello! I am a raindrop named YanChen. I fall to the earth from the clouds as precipitation. I gain a chance to travel free. I go through the rivers

and streams, and arrived at the ocean in the end. In the process, I also went to the ground.

That is an underground kingdom where I soak into the earth. I seep through the weathered rock that a narrow road called pores are permeable, and arrived at the first layer. I keep on the way until I reached the second layer where some soldiers called clay stand in front of door to block my path. They are impermeable, and don't allow me to pass. Maybe it is mysterious third layer where the king is behind the door. Finally, I take the geyser to go back to the ocean because I miss the sky where is my home.

Then, I start to evaporate as I am heating up. I become a gas from a liquid. And I rise to the cloud to wait for the next time I can condense to begin to travel free again. Waiting to return to the earth.

**-YanChen Jiang**

## Seasons

### **1. What is winter like?**

Winter is the coldest season in some places. Many plants stop growing in the winter. In this season, food can be hard to find so some animals hibernate, or go into a deep sleep. Then they come out when it gets warmer.

### **2. What is spring like?**

In the spring, the weather warms up. It rains a lot every spring, too. Plants begin to grow again, trees begin to get full and many baby animals are born.

### **3. What is summer like?**

Summer is usually the hottest season where I live in the Northeast. I can wear shorts and a t-shirt. It's also a good idea to use and plenty of sunscreen since the sun can be really hot and damaging to all skin types.

### **4. What is fall like?**

In fall, or autumn, the weather can get pretty chilly. So, we wear sweaters or light coats. The leaves of some trees begin to change colors and then they will fall off completely.

### **5. What makes the seasons change?**

Earth is tilted at an angle and as it orbits around the sun once every year, different places experience different seasons. Each year has the same cycle of seasons. A cycle is an order of events that repeats.

**-Guachiac Francisco**

Winter is my favorite because in winter we can see snow and play snowball fights. In this season, the nights come early. This make me want to sleep early and comfortable .

In my home country of Venezuela, we don't have winter, only hottest. The people only can wear short shirt and short pants. The average temperature is about 65F~75F. That is why Winter is my favorite season. **-Hector He He**



My favorite season is Spring. Because the season of recovery of all things, plants begin to grow again, and many baby animals are born.



Smelling the flowers and sounding of birds, feeling the breath of life. Even if it rains, it is also full of poetic scene. We travel in Spring, the weather is neither hot nor cold, very comfortable. Everything is brand-new and beautiful. **-Yan Chen Jiang**

Summer is the hottest season where I live. I love the summer because we get to go on vacation from school. In the summer time, I wear shorts and t-shirts and use plenty of sunscreen. In summer time I go to the beach or a swimming pool. I also like summer because I get to eat lots of ice cream and icy sweets.

In the summertime I go out with my friends we spend a lot of time to have fun in the parks, restaurants, beaches and, clubs to dance. In summer time I'm always happy because I go out a lot with my friends and we walk, outside together with the sun on our faces. I always get to have fun on those fun days. I love summer. It is my best time of the year and that makes me happy and full of joy.

**- Zeinabou Abdoulaye**



# Ms. Slote

Ms. Slote's High Intermediate, Advanced 1 and 2 ESL classes completed a unit called Voices of Protest Unit (developed from the Rubicon Reboot unit). They wrote informational and argumentative essays in response to teacher-created Writing Prompts, after reading two articles for each essay.

ORT/TASC informational essays must do the following:

- hit the target (answer all parts of the question)
- use transition words
- establish and maintain a formal style
- cite relevant evidence to support your claims
- provide a conclusion

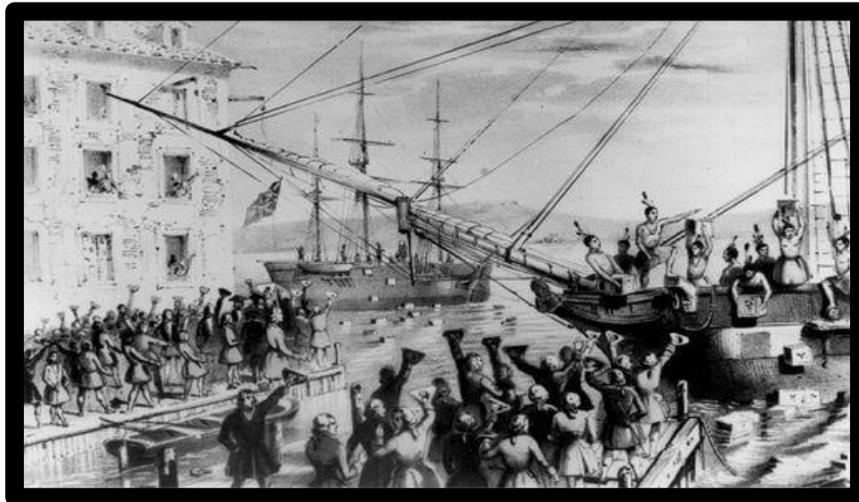
## **INFORMATIONAL Writing Prompt**

Protest and dissent have played an important role in changing the course of United States' history, from the country's beginning right up to today. Write an informational essay explaining how protest and dissent have led to changes in the U.S. in different times, and how they may lead to changes today as well.

Cite evidence from the two articles:

"Boston Tea Party: A Very Messy Tea Party"

"Protest Nation"



## **Rongxin Yang**

Protest and dissent have played an important role in changing the course of United States' history, from the country's beginning right up to today.

How protest and dissent have led to changes in U.S. in different times? On December 16, 1773, Britain colonies threw lots of tea into the Boston water to protest the taxes of tea. They were angry they didn't have any right to represent taxation. After that, a war for independence was coming, and it changed the history of the colonies in the U.S. About 140 years later, women in Washington protested for their rights. "A 1913 rally in Washington for women's suffrage, for example, helped lead to ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment (1920) giving women the right to vote." It shows women protested for to vote any issue bravely in the U.S. They protected their rights. Through 50 years later, black people also dissented for protecting their rights. "The 1963 March on Washington focused the nation's attention on civil rights for African-Americans and helped led to passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964." After this protest, the black people won the right to vote, go to school, and work as white people. African-Americans ended discriminatory laws and practices by protecting themselves and their rights. All of these protests used different ways to protect people's rights and changed U.S. history.

How protest and dissent may lead to change today as well? In 2016, the U.S. elected a president. Conservatives protested against Democrats and elected Trump for president. "Many believe that the dissent the Tea Partiers stirred up among conservatives helped contribute to the election of President Trump last year." It shows us that conservatives elected Trump for president because they objected to the Obamacare. What's more, Trump wants to repeal the Obamacare now. That's a change.

Protest and dissent changed the history of the United States and also may change today. Many successful protests helped prove how important protests are still to social change.

## **Simon Pires**

Protest and dissent are an important part of development of United States. This is true about the past, present, and the future of the U.S.

Protest and dissent have led to changes in the U.S. in different times. When U.S. was a colony of Britain, British placed taxes on a number of things the colonists needed. The colonists were very angry and they started protest "no taxation without representation." In November 1773, the Dartmouth, a tea ship, arrived in Boston and then they decided to protest. This day named "Boston Tea Party." After that, in two more years, the colonies became independent. Another

example, in 1913 the women protested for her right to vote, and in 1920 the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment was ratified. Remember in 1963 when Martin Luther King Jr. protested for equality, against discrimination. Now everybody has the same rights in the U.S. “Also protest helped end discriminatory laws and practices, and the success of the movement as a whole helped prove how important protests were to social change.”

Today, many American people use protest and dissent to change everything that makes them mad. Last year when Trump was elected president, protest intensified in the U.S. “Just since January, scores of protests have opposed Trump’s attempts to ban travel for some Muslim majority nations and defended immigrants’ rights.” “People will not stop reaching back to the spirit of the Boston Tea Party to try to shape the future of the nation.”

In conclusion, America was “born from protest” because since the Boston Tea Party until now, many things have changed thanks to the protest by the population. Protest and dissent are an essential thing for United States democracy.

**ORT/TASC argumentative essays must do the following:**

- clearly state your claim
- give reasons to support claim; give evidence from both articles to support reasons
- explain the counterclaim and give reasons and evidence to support it
- use transition words
- establish and maintain a formal style
- provide a conclusion

**ARGUMENTATIVE Writing Prompt**

Recently there is a big controversy about athletes who kneel during the national anthem to protest police violence against African-Americans. Some professional athletes have chosen to do this, citing their First Amendment right to freedom of speech. Some high school athletes are also protesting in this way. Write a persuasive or argumentative essay explaining your view on this controversy. Do athletes have the right to protest during sports events? Is “taking a knee” during the national anthem an appropriate and respectful way of protesting?

Cite evidence from both articles:

Why Colin Kaepernick and I Decided to Take a Knee

High Schools Threaten to Punish Students Who Kneel During Anthem

## **Jun Hao Zeng**

Do athletes have the right to protest during sports events? Since the athletes knelt during the nation anthem to protest the police violence, people started to focus on this controversy. I think the athletes have a right to protest.

Athletes definitely have the right to protest during sports events. Not only in the sport event, it could be anywhere in the U.S. Those behavior are protected by the First Amendment. According to the article "Why Colin Kaepernick and I Decided to Take a Knee" by Eric Reid, "Faith by itself, if it does not work, is dead." He also says, "I knew I needed to stand up for what is right." We can see Reid was trying to protest and express what was he thinking. Remember the first major protest in United States, the Boston Tea Party and now look at Eric Reid. This is how we make success by protest.

However, on the other hand, there are some people who think the athletes have no right to protest during sports events. In the article "High Schools Threaten to Punish Students Who Kneel During Anthem," it said "on Long Island, the Diocese of Rockville Centre, which runs private school system, said students at its three high schools could face serious disciplinary action" if they knelt during the anthem before sporting events. That means schools may punish the students because they kneel, but this is unconstitutional. The article also said, "It runs up against students' First Amendment rights." For these reasons, all the athletes, also student athletes, have the right to protest during sports events, and the school should not punish the students for this.

In conclusion, not only the athletes, but also other people have the right to protest during the game. I think "taking a knee" during the anthem is a respectful and appropriate way to protest. This action was not so radical and will not make too much trouble.

## **Malik Osama**

Do athletes have the right to protest during sports events? Yes, they do have the right.

Protesting is a right for athletes. Protesting is best way for athletes can tell others what they are going through. NFL players are protesting against police brutality because police are killing black people which includes "systematic oppression against people of color." By protesting they want equality for all Americans no matter what their color or gender. "Brave men and women who fought and died for our country" teaches us that we should have a "right to live free, right to speak out in protest." Athletes are Americans and have the right to protest.

On the other hand, some people think athletes don't have a right to protest. After this protest, Colin Kaepernick was fired from playing for the NFL. In another example, "Waylon Bates, principal of Bossier City, LA, said [high school] athletes were required to stand in respectful manner during anthem." So these people find it very bad to kneel during the nation anthem and it is like disrespecting it. If athletes don't follow these rules, they will be "removed from the team."

In conclusion, I believe athletes have the right to protest, but taking a knee during national anthem is disrespectful to the country's flag. They should have chosen a better way to protest which would not spread hatred against them.



Students chose a current event and analyzed it through the lens of a branch of government and how it works. Los estudiantes escogieron una polemica actual y la analizaron atravez de una de las ramas de gobierno y como funciona.

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Clase: HS2  
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## Ensayo #2.

El gobierno de Estados Unidos en su constitución esta basado en formar la idea de separación de poderes para que ninguna rama tuviera demasiado poder. Las tres ramas son la rama ejecutiva, legislativa, judicial. Este ensayo informara haarca de la rama Ejecutiva y la polémica DACA.

La rama ejecutiva se compone por el presidente de EE UU. y es responsable de aplicar la ley. El presidente es el jefe comandante de las Fuerzas militares tambien el puede vetar o rechazar proyectos de ley, cumple con lideres extranjeros y negocia tratados recibe el asesoramiento del gabinete sobre asuntos importantes. Tambien puede firmar Ordenes ejecutiva como DACA.

DACA: Fue creada por el expresidente Barack Obama en 2012 DACA: Diferido para los llegados de infancia DACA es una programa para brindante oportunidad a los soveros que fueron traídos por la frontera cuando eran niños

Ventaja: DACA le permite a los jóvenes trabajar legalmente tener su seguro social, permiso de manejo también de no ser deportados a su país de origen que ya ni recuerdan. Desventaja: DACA solo fue creada temporal. El ex presidente Barack Obama quería que el congreso le hiciera grandes cambios a la ley de inmigración. Muchos republicanos piensan que el programa le daba mucho poder al ex presidente pero igual manera siempre se aplicó la ley por que hubo una gran mayoría de % de aprobación y apoyo para que el programa se aplicara.

Ahora el nuevo presidente quiere quitar Programa DACA si el presidente quita la ley afectara a 800,000 inmigrantes jóvenes que tienen sueño de graduarse de la universidad y tener un buen futuro. También le está dando tiempo a los legisladores para que estén de acuerdo para crear una nueva ley y eliminar DACA.

Trump a descrito como una de la más difícil decisión que han tenido que tomar y muchas de las personas quienes los apoya dicen que DACA va contra la ley y como no todos los republicanos no están de acuerdo por eso no se puede crear una nueva ley.

## Conclusion.

El expresidente pensó en el bienestar de los niños porque no tienen la culpa de que sus padres los había traído indocumentados a EE.UU. Si el presidente actual quita el programa estará poniendo en peligro el futuro de miles de personas que vinieron pequeños de diferentes países eso no sería justo porque los jóvenes no están quitando nada a nadie solo están aprovechando la oportunidad por que tiene el mismo derecho como cualquier ciudadano nacido en el país ser profesional para no ser carga al presidente.

## Neysi Castillo



Ms. Rocha

Yorlenys Paulino

El gobierno de los Estados Unidos está basada en su constitución. Se formó con la idea de la separación de poderes para que ninguna rama tuviera demasiado poder. Las tres ramas ejecutiva, legislativa y judicial. En este ensayo se informará acerca de la rama judicial y de la polémica de DACA.

La rama legislativa se compone por el congreso quienes crean las leyes también son los que mantienen el control político de la nación. La rama legislativa está conformada por el congreso, se divide en dos los cuales son el senado de la república y la cámara de representantes. El congreso tiene el poder de reclamar la guerra también pueden regular el comercio exterior e interestatal.

Hoy en día estamos viviendo varias polémicas. Muchas de las personas han sido afectada mayormente a los dreamers que son indocumentados o que desean estudiar y el programa del DACA los tiene bien preocupado. El presidente Trump ha decidido sobre el futuro del DACA que ha protegido a muchos jóvenes indocumentados desde el 2012. El presidente llevó a cabo este asunto hasta lograr su objetivo según un twitter que posteo para el congreso con la palabra "Hagan su trabajo" presionando la resolución final del DACA. También le pidió al congreso que llegue a una solución. El

presidente cumplió su promesa contra los inmigrantes creado por el presidente Barack Obama.

Hoy en día los Estados Unidos últimamente estamos viviendo muchas polémicas por razones, las cuales se están viendo mucho racismo y mucha discriminación a los inmigrantes. Razones por las cuales muchos manifestantes salen a la calle para que el gobierno pueda hacer algo para poner una ley justa para todos como inmigrantes que viven y luchan en este país, que a pesar de todo entran a este país con el propósito de tener un futuro mayormente los dreamers que quieren un buen trabajo y seguir los estudios. Aunque sea batallado mucho contra el gobierno y ellos no escuchan al pueblo, los inmigrantes no se rinden. El gobierno de los Estados Unidos tendrán que llevar este caso mayormente el del programa del DACA muy serio pensando en el futuro y el beneficio.

**Yorlenys Parlino**

My class worked on personal statements for their P2G portfolios. In addition, we took a class trip to the Tenement Museum. Students then compared and contrasted the immigrant families they learned about there with their own families.

## Personal Statement/ Ensayo Personal

Nombre: Edward Fermín

Fecha: 12/06/2017

Me veo en un hospital rodeado de equipos médicos y en la sala de espera. Sentados están muchos pacientes esperando su turno para recibir el mejor servicio y atención que yo pueda ofrecerles.

Mi nombre es Edward Fermín; tengo 19 años de edad y soy oriundo de la República Dominicana. Junto a mi madre, emigré a los Estados Unidos hace 1 año y 3 meses. Soy el más pequeño de mi madre. Mi hermano mayor vive con su esposa en Orange, Texas y mi hermana vive en Santo Domingo, junto con mis sobrinos.

Mi familia es el mejor regalo que me pudo dar la vida. Todos son muy solidarios. Se ayudan unos a otros en cualquier situación que se les presente. El lema de mi familia es “familia unida jamás será vencida” porque podrán venir problemas, diferencias, tempestades, pero cuando nuestra familia está unida, no hay nadie que nos separe. Mi abuela materna era el timón que siempre guió la familia y fue la persona por la cual pude venir a vivir a Estados Unidos, pero lamentablemente murió unos meses atrás.

¿Quièn soy en realidad? Soy esa persona que aunque la lastimen, sano mis heridas. Me gusta ver a los demás felices; asumo mis errores y trato de saber cuándo hablar y cuándo callar. No soy prepotente, pero sí orgulloso de mi origen. Tengo miedo de equivocarme; no me gusta discutir, ni pelear, ya que prefiero la paz. Me gusta alentar a los demás, ser sociable y disfrutar la vida en compañía de mis amistades y familia. En fin, trato de dar lo mejor de

mí. Los miembros de mi familia me orientan y aconsejan, especialmente los hermanos de mi madre, ellos son los que más me inspiran. Me dicen que estudie, que salga adelante, que puedo contar con ellos y en verdad me lo han demostrado. Me dicen que esperan lo mejor de mí, que si me lo propongo voy a llegar lejos y con el apoyo de ellos y mi esfuerzo sé que lo voy a lograr.

En fin, mis metas son ser un buen profesional y un orgullo para mi familia. Quiero ser autosuficiente, conseguir dominar cualquier situación que la vida me presente, superando todos los obstáculos. Quiero guiar, aconsejar e inspirar a otros con mis logros y experiencias. El hecho de ser una persona que cruce y rompa fronteras, es lo que me motiva para seguir adelante cada día.



Jhoan moncero

Nombre

12 / 4 / 2017

Fecha

La familia Confino que conocí en el tenement museum y mi familia tiene similitudes y diferencias como en su experiencia como inmigrante. La familia Confino emigró desde su país al igual que mi familia. La familia Confino llegó a New York en 1913, sin embargo, la mía llegó en 2005. La familia Confino se estableció en un apartamento donde no había agua ni electricidad, en cambio cuando la mía llegó a New York en los apartamentos habían de todas las comodidades. La familia Confino le gustan mucho los deportes al igual que la mía. La familia Confino llegó a New York en barco a diferencia de la mía que llegó en avión. cuando la familia Confino llegó

Jhoan monegro

12/4/2014

a New York tenían poco dinero.  
En conclusión, la familia confino era  
muy trabajadora, al igual que la mia  
y con mucho esfuerzo y sacrificio  
lucharon y pudieron seguir a delan-  
te juntos.



Nombre Karen Ortiz

Fecha - 12/04/17

La familia Confino que conoci en el Tenement Museum, y mi familia tienen muchas similitudes y diferencias como inmigrantes. Entre ellas están que la familia Confino era muy religiosa, al igual que la mía pero a diferencia de que la mía era católica y la de ellos era de religión judía. La familia Confino del mismo modo que mi familia trajeron consigo sus culturas; por ejemplo, la familia Confino acostumbraba a cocinar con una variedad de especias, entre ellas una de sus favoritas era la canela. Mientras que mi familia acostumbra a hacer mucho las tortillas y pupusas. Del mismo modo, ambas familias inmigraron a Estados Unidos. La familia Confino vino de Grecia cuando era el Imperio Otomano, mientras que mi familia inmigró de El Salvador. Ambas familias se establecieron en la ciudad de Nueva York. La familia Confino vino por motivos religiosos, pero también vinieron con el propósito de mejorar su economía y poder tener un mejor estilo de vida. Mi familia vino solamente por motivos económicos. En conclusión, ambas familias inmigraron a Estados Unidos con el fin de obtener una mejor economía. Han trabajado muy fuerte y ambas familias han logrado sus objetivos.

Joseph S. Rodríguez

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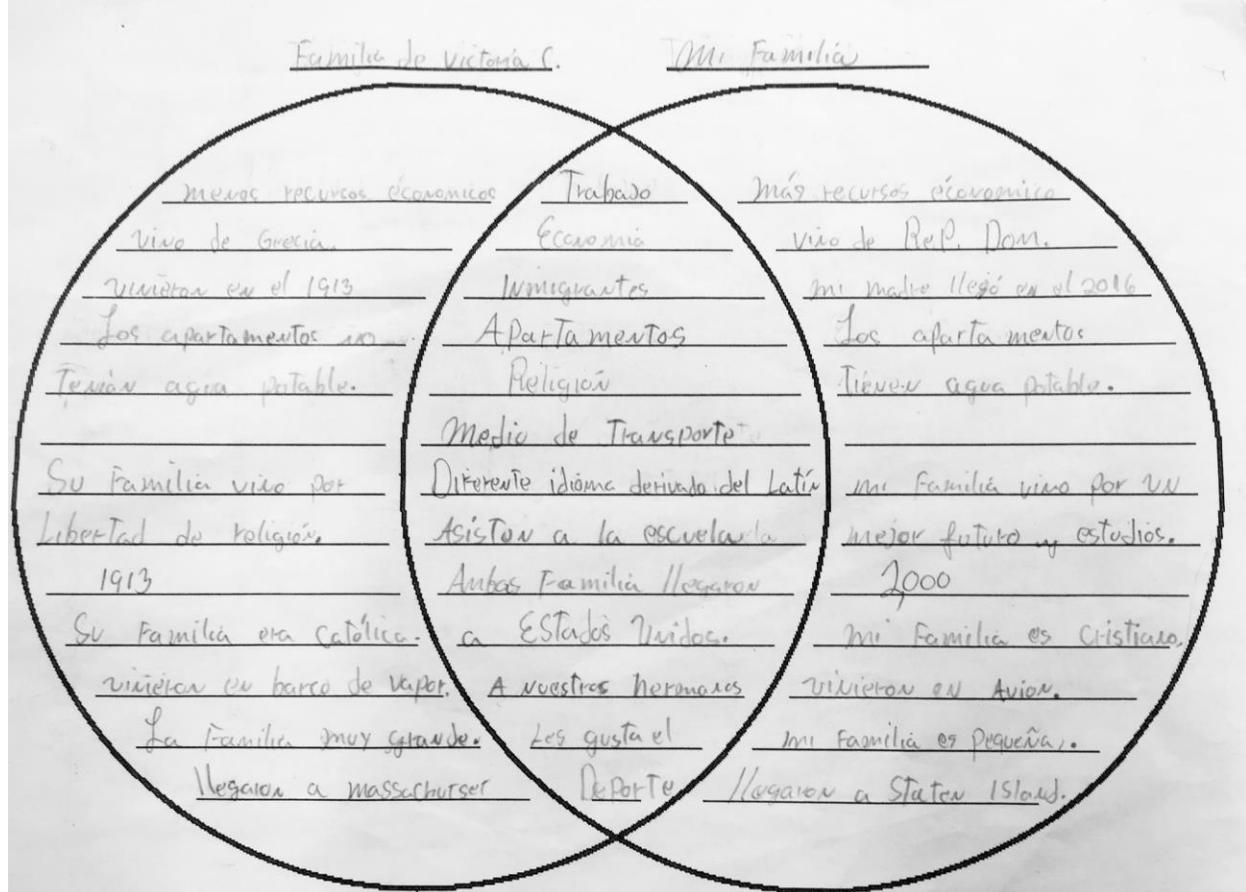
La Familia que conocí en el Tenement Museum y mi Familia tienen similitudes y diferencias como inmigrante. La Familia Contino vino en el 1913 de Grecia, sin embargo, mi Familia emigró de República Dominicana, utilizaron barcos como medio de Transporte, mientras que mi Familia vino en avión. Por otro lado, la Familia Contino tenía poco recursos económicos en aquel entonces, a diferencia de mi Familia actualmente, que está estable económicamente.

La Familia Contino trabajó duro, tanto como la mía para mantenerse en su nuevo país. La Familia Contino era Judía, a diferencia de la mía que es cristiana. Mi Familia se estableció en Staten Island cuando llegó a EE.UU., por otra parte la Familia Contino se estableció en la Ciudad de New York.

En conclusión, ambas Familias llegaron a Estados Unidos en busca de una mejor vida, trabajaron mucho cuando llegaron, y lograron establecerse, una vez aquí estuvieron vidas a pesar de tan grande.

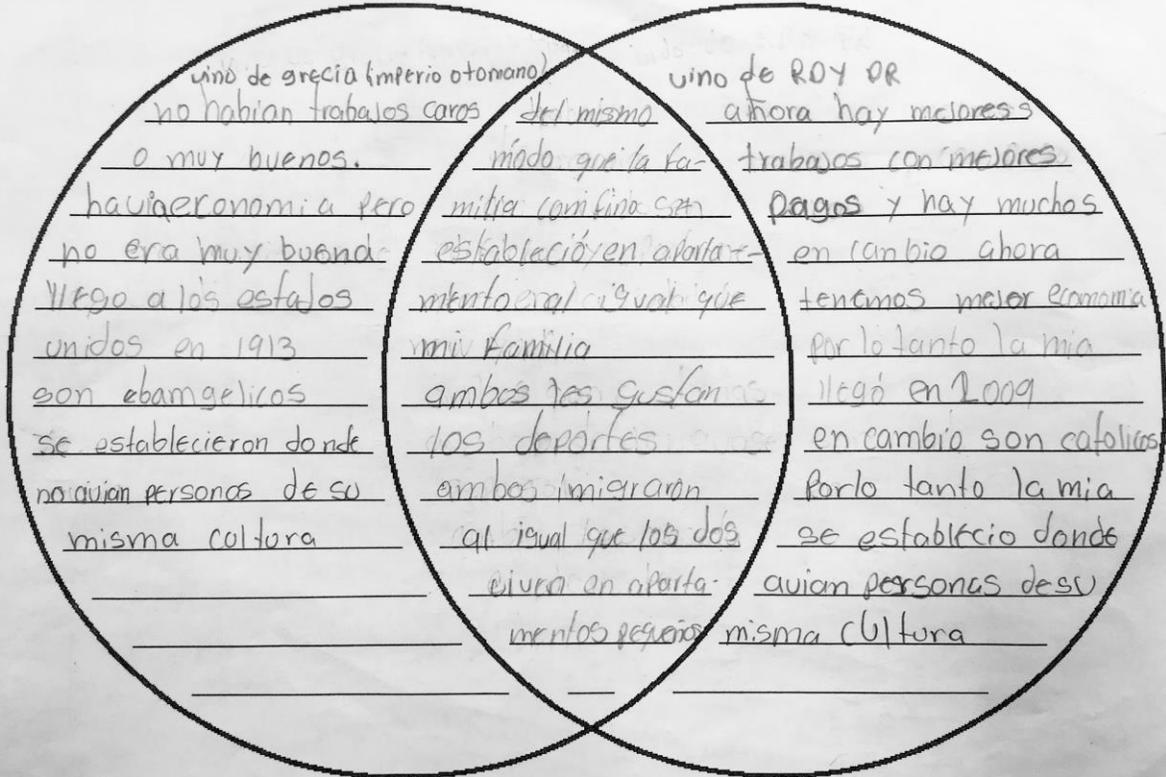


Name: Joseph S. Rodriguez **Venn Diagram**



Name : Jhoan manuel manesca Venn Diagram

Familia de victoria romfino      Mi familia



## Mr. Aguilar

My students wrote on "Who is my inspiration?" Students described their role models and their reasoning.

Avelino T. Gerora R.  
mejor conocido como el lápiz conciente  
Rapero Dominicano nacido en los mines.  
unico Rapero en la Republica Dominicana  
que hace una concion ala asociacion de  
Arte en su Pais. se hizo a conocer con  
las canciones. Tuno ere De na, cafee el  
Dog. y ~~muchas~~ muchas mas. muy comercial  
en su Pais por su forma de ser actitud  
que solo el tiene es un trabajador in  
can sable. y cumpliendo sus metas poco a  
poco Este año fue alos latin Grammy  
por su cancion con Jico C. Premios  
internacionales. tubo un album con la  
compañia Sony music. muy exitoso  
en todas la plataformas musicales. hoy en  
Dia sigue viviendo en el barrio con su  
abuela Palin. que es un ~~amor~~ amor. la  
abuela de Rapero.

Resumen de lápiz conciente.

## LeBron James

ES un Jugador profesional de la NBA, actualmente el mejor a jugado en dos equipos, MIAMI Y CAVALIERS.

Entró con el equipo de Cavaliers en el Draft 1st 2003 - 1st 6y.

Apodado: THE BEST, King James.

Me inspira porque es una persona que viene de abajo que sabe que es hijo de la pobreza y con esfuerzo y sacrificio de su parte a logrado cosas increíbles.

Es una persona que es sumamente humilde ayuda a los pobres por ejemplo dona a las fundaciones ase feliz a los niños de las ciudades visitando los.

En pocas palabras es digno de admirar.

Davin Rosario

Leonela Vasquez

Mr: aguilar

¿Cuál es Tu Inspiración?

Me Inspira mi mama por que es la mejor mama del mundo es una madre la cual hace Todo lo posible para complacernos a mi hermano y a mi. Una mujer trabajadora que nos trajo a este Pais para darnos un mejor Futuro la admiro mucho por que siempre esta con su cabeza en el sea en tiempos dificiles o buenos en Fin ella lo es Todo para mi.

Esmelin Doran

bueno ; mi mama es la que me inspira Por que  
me enseña a luchar y seguir adelante con mis  
estudios amo a mi mama Por que es la mejor  
de la madre siempre esta disponible Para  
mi cuando la necesito

mi madre es mi inspiracion y mi fortaleza  
e diaria, el amor de mi madre es el  
impulso que me permite a ser un  
buen ser humano

Rene mi madre que es mi reina  
que a pesar de tanta carides James  
firo la corona.

agradecimiento de mi madre es que  
quiero darle las gracias Por  
haberme dado educacion un hogar donde  
crecer equivocarme es desarrollarme a  
Prender y donde adquirir los valores  
que hoy define mi vida

te amo mami  
eres la mejor madre  
del mundo eres mi reyna

Mi Inspiraciones Mi Mamá

Ella me crio y pase el mayor tiempo con ella desde que mi papa se fue de casa yo me quede con ella

Mi madre ah sido Padre y Madre a la vez, ah estado con migo hasta ahora que ~~No~~ estoy lejos de ella.

Ah pesar que estoy lejos de ella aun la sigo necesitando aunque sea para que me escuche llorar o quejantome de los problemas en casa.

Por eso mi mama me inspira, porque ah pesar que peliamos mucho ella siempre me muestra su apoyo incondicional.

Thanks My Mother ♡

Jayana Ruiz

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¿Quién me inspira?

Me inspira mi abuela de seguir adelante de ser alguien que ella no pudo lograr a ser.

Mi mamá porque me motiva por que me quiere ver triunfar dedicarme día a día de ser alguien independiente conseguir un buen empleo

Mi novio por su apoyo día tras día de verme graduar me inspira tomar decisiones correcta que me puede servir en día de mañana

Al igual una tía mía por ser Licenciada en enfermería por tener un buen empleo de ayudar a las personas más necesitadas tratarlos con amor eso me da más inspiración de ella por que es única en su actitud tan amable dedicada enfocada en lo más importante de la vida.

Ana Rosano

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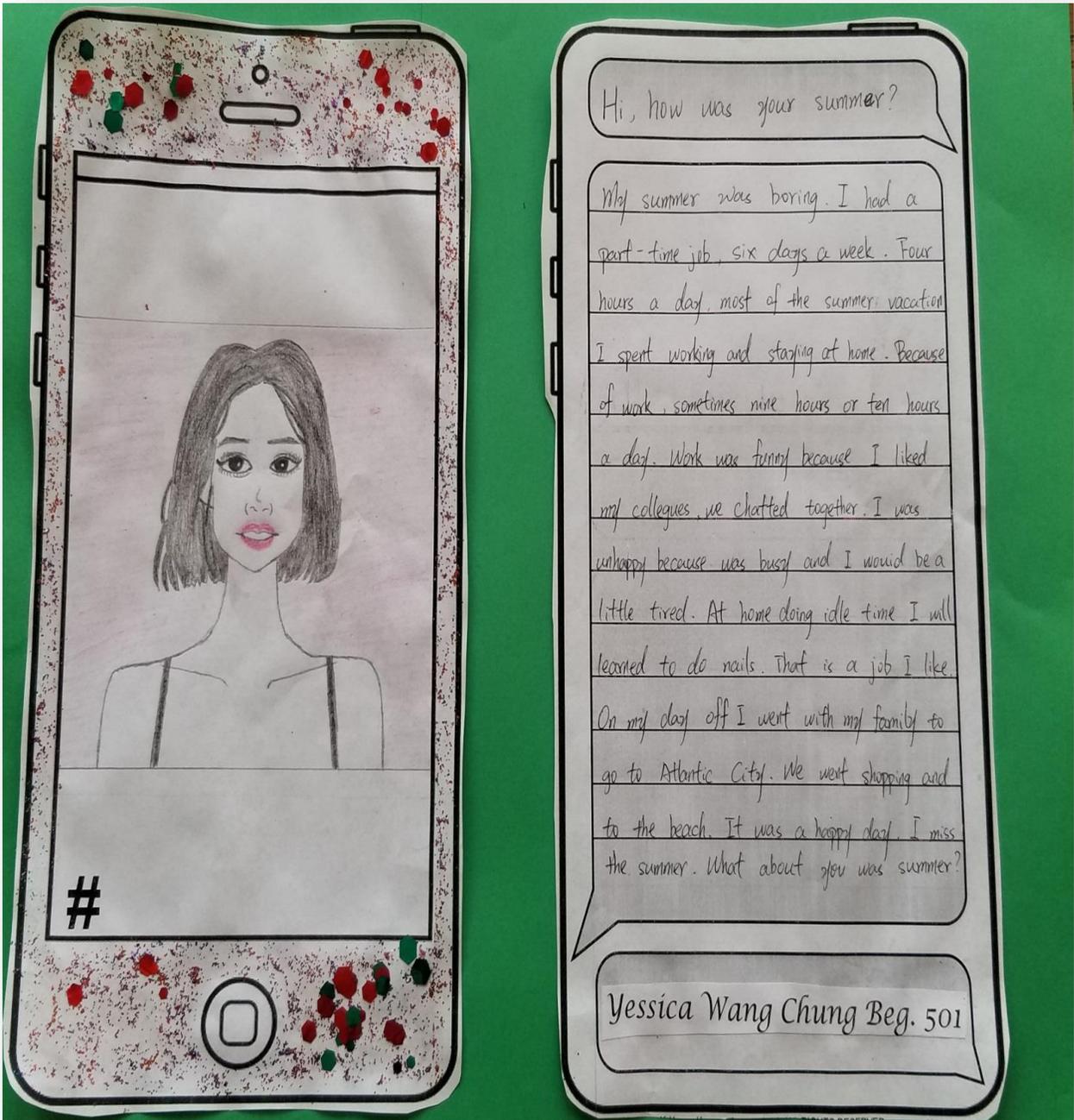
Mr. Aguilar

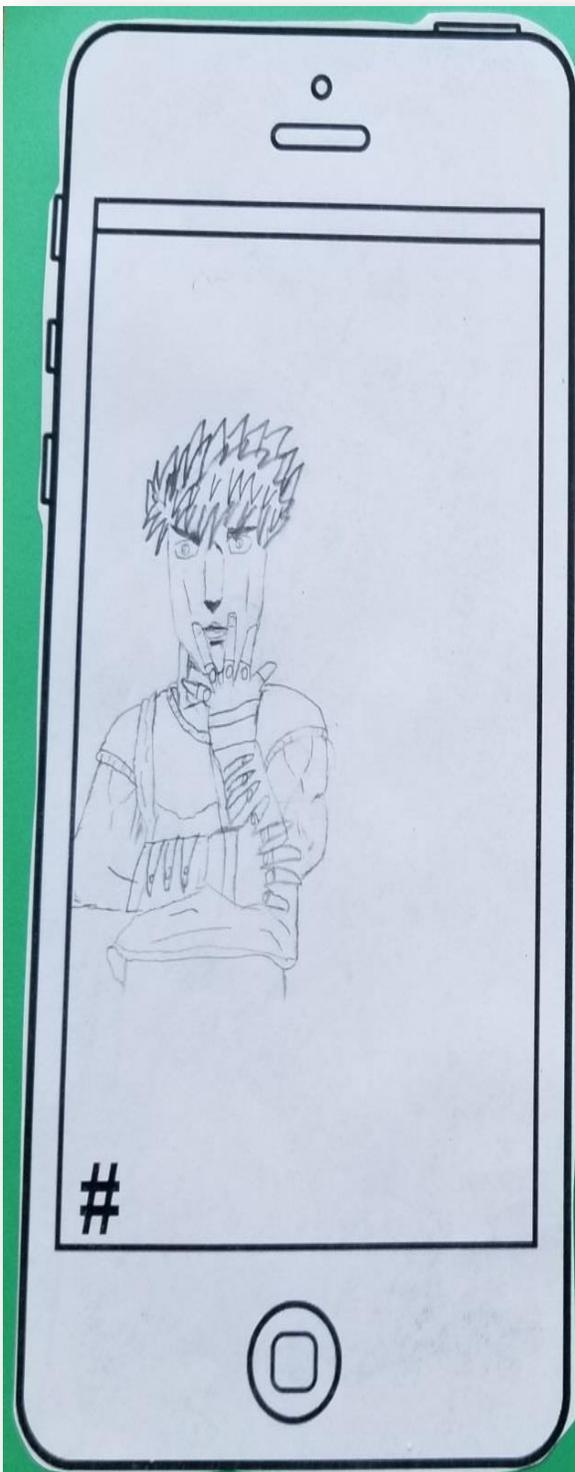
¿Cual es tu inspiracion?

Mi inspiracion es mi hijo porque es mi motivación para seguir hacia adelante, terminar mis estudios para que el dia de mañana el pueda tener una inspiracion con su madre. Mi hijo es el amor de mi vida, es mi razon de vivir de ser una mujer de bien. Yo le dare todo lo que yo pueda darle para que nunca le valga a faltar nada. Tengo la esperanza de que el dia de mañana se haga un hombre de bien y una persona profesional y yo siempre estare hay para brindarle apoyo para que logre sus sueños y metas. Te amo ni niño hermoso eres el amor de mi vida eres todo para mi.

# Ms. Reichert

In September, students told about their summer vacations, using cell phone templates.





Hi, how was your summer?

This summer I was volunteered  
I worked from Tuesdays to Thursdays  
every week I went to volunteer.  
I volunteered to help the old people  
and charity. We played games with  
the old people. Games have like  
bingo, singing, dancing, and doing  
crafts. Of course, volunteers  
sometimes need to be part of some  
activities, for example, introducing  
a job. I stayed at home and ate,  
played games and slept. My summer  
was very good, I was very happy.  
This is a good summer.

Jun Jia Huang Inter. 1-501

Hi, how was your summer?

My summer was good. I stayed home watching Netflix and looking at some of my school note books. I went swim with my cousins and talked to my friends from Africa on Face Books. Each evening I went to the park and listened to music. Last week my family and I celebrated Eid together. This summer was very great! How about you?

**Aboubakar Bakayoko**

Inter. 1-501



To be able to multiply by a power of ten and decimals then make conjecture.

Scientific **notation** uses the powers of ten to express very small and very large numbers. In scientific notation, a decimal number (greater than or equal to 1 and less than 10) is multiplied by a power of ten.

**Multiplying Decimals**

**Essential Question:** What happens to the decimal point when you multiply a whole number by a decimal?

**Activity 1 Multiplying by Powers of Ten**

Work with a partner. Copy and complete the table. Then describe how to multiply by a power of ten.

Exponent	Power of 10	Product	Evaluate
1	$10^1 = 10$	$10 \times 0.825$	8.25
2	$10^2 = 100$	$100 \times 0.825$	82.5
3	$10^3 = 1000$	$1000 \times 0.825$	825
4	$10^4 = 10,000$	$10000 \times 0.825$	8250
5	$10^5 = 100,000$	$100000 \times 0.825$	82500

Describe how you multiply by a power of ten.

First, multiply the 10 by using the corresponding exponent as the factor and multiply your result by the decimal number to find the product.

When you multiply the decimal number, you can move the decimal point to the right depending on the exponent of your power.

When the decimal number is at the end, you have to add zero. Here the number became bigger in value.

–Aboubakar Bakayoko

## WORD PROBLEM

The area of the rectangle in the figure is  $24ab^3$  square units. Find the width of the rectangle.

## APPLY AN ACTION

Use the formula of rectangle area:

$$A = L \cdot W \quad \text{quotient of}$$

A = area    Power ~~expon~~

L = long    exponent.

W = width

## SHOW YOUR WORK

$$A = L \cdot W$$

$$24ab^3 = 6ab \cdot W$$

$$W = 4b^2$$



6ab

Shan Lin

## WRITE TO EXPLAIN

Area is equal to Long times Width.

$24ab^3$  is equal to  $6ab$  times width.

We use the property of quotient of power exponent.

So the answer is  $4b^2$ .

Shibbir Ahmed

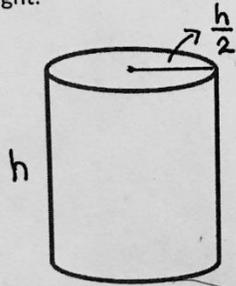
yingLin Mai

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SOLVING REAL-LIFE PROBLEMS

Write the expression in exponential form to represent the volume of the cylinder, where r is the radius and h is the height.



Volume = ?

$$3.14 \times \left(\frac{h}{2}\right)^2 \times h = \frac{\pi}{4} h^3$$

$$V = \pi r^2 h$$

$$= \pi \left(\frac{h}{2}\right)^2 h$$

$$= \pi \frac{h^2}{2^2} \times h$$

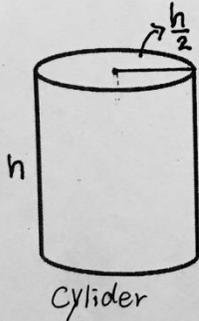
The volume of cylinder is  $V = \pi \times r^2 \times h$ .  $\pi$  is equal to 3.14, h is height, r is  $\frac{h}{2}$ . so using multiply, the answer is  $\frac{\pi}{4} h^3$

The volume of the cylinder is  $\frac{\pi h^3}{4}$  cubic unit.

SOLVING REAL-LIFE PROBLEMS

Shan Lin

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Volume = ?  $\pi r^2 h$   $r = \frac{h}{2}$

$$V = \pi \cdot \left(\frac{h}{2}\right)^2 \cdot h = \frac{\pi}{4} h^3$$

The volume formula is  $\pi \cdot r^2 \cdot h$ , the r is the radius, the h is the height. the picture give us information. the

$\frac{h}{2}$  is radius. so we use volume formula of exponential property.  $V = \pi \cdot \left(\frac{h}{2}\right)^2 \cdot h$   $\left(\frac{h}{2}\right)^2$  it's use power property. the answer is  $\frac{h^2}{4}$  then multiply them. ✓

The volume of the cylinder is  $\frac{\pi}{4} h^3$  cubic unit.

# Ms. Rocha

**HS 2** estudió la obra *The Portuguese Kid* antes de ir a ver la obra en el New York City Centre. Uno de los actores principales fue Jason Alexander, comediante conocido como “George” del programa de T.V. de los ‘90s, *Seinfeld*.

Basado en esa experiencia, escribieron sus propias obras de teatro. Andres Munar, un actor-maestro con el *Manhattan Theatre Club*, vino al salón de Ms. Rocha dos veces por semana para enseñarles a los estudiantes como lo hacen los meros profesionales. ¡Fue una experiencia increíble! ¡Felicidades a todos los estudiantes que participaron!

Finalmente, actores profesionales vinieron a Tenzer para una presentación fabulosa de las obras de los estudiantes. Aquí tienen algunos ejemplos de esas obras. ¡Gózenlas!

## AGARRA EL TORO POR LOS CUERNOS

de Dayana Ruiz

Armando Amor, ¿ya cocinaste?  
Nicole Sí pero compra el cilantro.  
Armando ¿Pero por qué no me llamaste? Solo me llamas para saber con quien ando.  
Nicole Sorry mi vida, pero estaba bien ocupada. Estaba en el laundry.  
Armando No mientas! Yo te llamé y le dijiste que estabas con tu tía .  
Nicole ¡Chucha mierda! Te dije que fui pero volví! Anda, revisa tu armario y mira la ropa.  
Armando Pero tampoco me trates así.  
Nicole ¿Cómo quieras que no lo haga?. Si tu mismo buscas.  
Armando Por lo que veo has limpiado nuestro desorden  
Nicole Perdón, ¿“nuestro”?  
Armando Sí, nuestro.  
Nicole No no no no no señor! Sú desorden discúlpame pero tú llegas y tiras todo.  
Armando Te amo mi vida, mi negrita.  
Nicole Con un “te amo” no me arreglas nada.  
Armando Ya relájate. ¿Disculpeme sí?  
Nicole Mejor andate a bañar para que comas.  
Armando ¿Ya no quieres el cilantro?  
Nicole No quiero nada.  
Armando Ya no te enojés.  
Nicole Ya vete de aquí  
Armando Mi amor discúlpame disculpame... si plis por favor  
Nicole ¿Qué fue?  
Armando ¿Qué fue de qué?  
Nicole Vete a bañar! Así como estás no te pienso dar de comer.

Armando Por favor, si cuando estoy sudando te derrites  
Nicole ¡Ya por favor! Eso es en otro momento  
Armando ¡Estas chistosa! Jajajaja  
Nicole ¡Coño, andate de aqui, jodes mucho!  
Armando Ya me voy.  
Nicole Mejor  
Armando Me voy con una baby.  
Nicole Tu sales por esa puerta y veras  
Armando Y si lo hago ¿que?  
Nicole No me subestimes. Sabes lo que pasa  
Armando No me importa  
Nicole No me busques y deja las ridiculés  
Armando ¡Que me voy! Chao  
Nicole Ya deja la ridiculés  
Armando Te hablo bién y me tratas mal.  
Nicole Primero me llamas mentirosa y ¿Cómo no quieres que me enoje?  
Armando Lo siento. Te amo  
Nicole Yo también pero cálmate y mejor vete a bañar. Plis  
Armando Sí mi amor.  
Nicole Te amo.  
Armando (el se sienta a comer) Esta regular la comida  
Nicole ¿COMO que regular?  
Armando Sí, esta rancia ésta comida.  
Nicole Entonces dile a tu Fernanda que te venga a cocinar  
Armando ¿Qué Fernanda?  
Nicole A la que le dices buenos dias, payaso.  
Armando Yo te amo a ti mi vida  
Nicole YA! Creiste que no me iba a dar cuenta.  
Armando ¿Darte cuenta de que?  
Nicole ¿Me tomas por estúpida?  
Armando ¡Qué no!  
Nicole ¿Soy tu juguete o qué?  
Armando No mi amor, no lo eres  
Nicole Entonces, ¿por que lo haces?  
Armando ¿Hacer que?  
Nicole Eso.  
Armando ¿Qué eso?  
Nicole Sabes qué. Dejalo asi.  
Armando Mi vida  
Nicole No me digas nada. Callate plis.  
Armando OK. Mira mi celular para que veas que no te miento  
Nicole Aver deja chequiar (Nicole comienza a leer y se da cuenta de algo)  
Es ella! La que se insinua.  
Armando Lo vez, lo vez, que no soy yo. Ya se que soy guapo pero no para tanto.  
Nicole ¿Quieres arreglar o quieres empeorar la situación?

Armando Arreglar esta situación  
Nicole Yo se que ella es casada  
Armando Sí  
Nicole Yo le voy a mandar a su esposo una solicitud a Facebook. Asi va a aprender a no meterse donde no la llaman.  
Armando No seas payasa.  
Nicole Tú no estas en condiciones en hablar  
Armando Ja ja ja  
Nicole ¿De qué te ríes? ¿Te comiste una payaso?  
Armando Estas chistosa  
Nicole ¿No hay otro calificativo?  
Armando Sí, mi amor.  
Nicole Ya mejor no me digas nada y sigue  
(Nicole está muy celosa y en venganza. Ella mandó la solicitud a Facebook al esposo de Fernanda y él contestó a los mensajes)

Luis Hola, ¿quién es?  
Nicole Hola. Una persona que tiene que contar algo  
Luis Eres muy Graciosa.  
Nicole Es en serio.  
Luis No te creo, eres muy graciosa  
Nicole Que tal si te digo que tu esposa anda atras de mi marido  
Luis ¿Qué?  
Nicole Lo que oiste. ¿Te puedo preguntar algo?  
Luis ¿Qué?  
Nicole ¿Tú no atiendes a tu esposa?  
Luis Claro que sí. Ella tiene todo  
Nicole Parece que no mijito  
Luis Dime, ¿qué hago? No la quiero perder.  
Nicole Yo tampoco quiero que se metan con mi marido.  
Luis ¿Coquetea con tu marido?  
Nicole Sí señor.  
Luis ¿Qué le dice?  
Nicole Buenos días, qué haces, como estás y con caritas de besòs  
Luis What?! Ni a mi me dice buenos días.  
Nicole Mira lo único que te digo, controla a tú mujer que yo controlo al mío  
Luis ¿Estaremos en contacto?  
Nicole Yes sir. Te escribo en otro momento mi esposo llegó.  
Luis Avísame cualquier cosa.  
Nicole Está bien. Bye.  
(Armando llega y va muy sospechoso a Nicole)

Armando ¿Qué haces mi vida?  
Nicole ¿Qué te...?  
Armando Responde bién.  
Nicole ¿Qué te importa?  
Armando Mejor te dejo hoy con tus locuras celosas.

Nicole Eso pasa cuando otra se mete con lo que es mío

Armando Nicole ya deja eso, ¿qué no entiendes? Yo te amo a ti. No te pongas cosas en la cabeza, a la que amo es a ti

Nicole Yo también te amo. Pero no me gusta esa tipa. Era mi amiga. Con lo que ella está haciendo. Me provoca darle sus cachetadas.

Armando Ya deja eso.

Nicole Esta bien lo deajo. Ignórala déjala envístelo bloqueala.

Armando Mi amor plis. Ya ya para.

Nicole Me da coraje. No la soporto.

Armando Hago lo que quieras pero créeme, please.

Nicole ¿Lo que yo quiera?

Armando Lo que quieras

Nicole Bórrala. Elimínala.

Armando Okay, yo lo hago pero contrólate. (No borra el nombre de su celular)

Nicole Yo así ya no puedo estar.

Armando ¿Por qué?

Nicole Ya me cansé, me cansé de ser la que te soporta todo. me cansé. yo no puedo estar con alguien que anda tras de otra.

(Nicole con lágrimas en los ojos se retiró y Armando Sale a través de Ella a gritos)

Armando Nicole, ¿A dónde vas? Nicole no me dejes hablando solo. Nicole regresa

Nicole ¿Que quieres?

Armando Tienes razón. Tu y yo no podemos estar así

Nicole ¿Y que sugieres hacer?

Armando No sé, por eso te pregunto a ti. Lo que decidas

Nicole Tomemos un tiempo (Nicole en su desespero va a visitar a su tía que vive en otra ciudad)

Tabata Hija mía a los tiempos que vienes

Nicole Tía Taba si la extrañaba mucho. Usted sabe que por el trabajo no puedo venir muy seguido.

Tabata Me alegra que estes aquí. Ven pasa, estas en tu casa.

Nicole Tía te pregunto algo.

Tabata ¿Qué hijita?

Nicole Tía yo confío en ti.

Tabata Te conozco señorita

Nicole Sí tía.

Tabata ¿Le pediste tiempo a Armando?

Nicole Sí tía.

Tabata Mija, como lo siento.

Nicole Tía, mejor te cuento como pasó

Tabata Aver, cuéntame.

Nicole El ya me cansó. Yo ya estaba a punto de volverme loca.

Tabata Pero el te ama, no lo dejes. Si tú no haces algo él se va a ir.

Nicole ¿Qué hago? Tabata Deja tus celos enfermizos

Nicole Es que estoy insegura de él

Tabata Tu inseguridad no te va a ayudar en nada

Nicole Tía, lo voy a intentar  
Tabata Así se habla. agarra el toro por los cuernos.  
Nicole Mañana regresaré para recuperar lo que es mío.  
Tabata Tu para poder sobrellevar todo esto tienes que aprender a reconocer tus errores.  
Nicole Lo se. Los reconozco  
Tabata Recuerda que tienes que aceptarlo tal y como es.  
Nicole ¿Estas a favor de él?  
Tabata Al favor de alguien que te ama  
Nicole Tía  
Tabata Tía nada. Yo que tu ya no pierdo mas tiempo.  
Nicole Si tía, volveré.  
Tabata Tu ya tienes hasta otra cara  
Nicole Yo lo extraño muchísimo.  
Tabata Piensa bien lo que vas a hacer. Tu futuro dependerá de la decision que tomes.  
Nicole Si tía. Es verdad lo que tú me dices.  
Tabata No dejes ir el amor de tu vida. ¿Cómo haras para cambiar?  
Nicole Tengo que dejar los celos enfermisos.  
Ser mas paciente. Estar segura de lo que tengo.  
Tabata Y te falta algo mas.  
Nicole ¿Qué cosa?  
Tabata Confianza. Sin eso no vas a ningún lado  
Nicole Tía, cuando converso contigo me siento mejor  
Tabata La vida me ha enseñado mijita. Yo se que tu puedes cambiar  
Nicole Yo me siento bien cuando hablo contigo. Tía pero-  
Tabata ¿Pero qué hija mía?  
Nicole ¿Y si de vuelta pasa y si lo llama otra chica y no se, si ese monstruo vuelve a salir?  
Tabata Yo ya te dije que hagas. Yo te puedo aconsejar.  
Nicole Pero esto depende de mi.  
Tabata Debes controlar eso. Confianza, confianza en ti y en lo que tienes.  
Nicole Si tía dejaré de ser celosa y berrinchosa.  
Tabata Madura, enfocate en lo que importa más. Y deja los celos. Esos no ayudan en nada.  
Nicole Lo voy a hacer  
Tabata Nicole, hay algo que debes de recordar  
Nicole ¿Qué?  
Tabata La paciencia también es una aliada  
Nicole Pero tu sabes como soy tía.  
Tabata Si quieres que ese monstruo se quede encerrado, tienes que controlarte  
Nicole Tengo que aprender a controlar mis emociones. Soy una persona muy sensible.  
Tabata Eso no tiene nada que ver, hija mía.  
Nicole ¿Y cómo quieres que te lo explique?

Tabata No me lo tienes que explicar. No soy tu madre biológica pero te conozco. Si quieres volver con él tienes que aprender a tener paciencia y aceptarlo tal y como es

Nicole Yo lo acepto. Pero vamos a la cuestión de tolerar.

Tabata Hija mía.

Nicole Mande tía.

Tabata Ya tienes la respuesta

Nicole En serio

Tabata Sí.

Nicole Ya es hora de ver un cambio

Tabata Así se habla

Nicole Te quiero mucho tía. Gracias por estar conmigo.

Tabata De nada hija mía..

(Pasaron 5 horas largas en espera pero Armando llamó cuando salió de trabajar)

Armando Nicole, ya salí

Nicole Que bien. ¿Podemos hablar?

Armando ¿De qué quieres hablar?

Nicole Nosotros

Armando Sabes que te he extrañado muchísimo

Nicole Sí lo sé. Yo también

Armando ¿Quieres volver conmigo?

Nicole Sí. Quiero volver contigo

Armando Juntos para siempre

Nicole Juntos para siempre

Nicole y Armando Te amo.

**FIN**

## EL TARÁNTULO

de Ana Rosario

(Chelsy y Lisbette son hermanas en un restaurant. Chelsy llega.)

Chelsy        Hola hermana. ¿Cómo estás?  
Lisbette       Hola, estoy muy preocupada.  
Chelsy        ¿Y por qué estás preocupada, qué pasa ahora?  
Lisbette       No te imaginas en el lío en que estoy metida.  
Chelsy        Siempre lo mismo contigo  
Lisbette       ¿Y por qué dices eso?  
Chelsy        Porque desde chiquita estás metida en líos como cuando...  
Lisbette       ¿Cómo cuándo que?  
Chelsy        Cómo cuándo mámi te mando a comprar la comida y tu ibas muy distraida y venía un muchacho en una bicicleta y tú antes de que te chocara te desmayaste.

Lisbette       No fue así, el muchacho en la bicicleta me chocó.

Chelsy        No te chocó, tu pensaste que te iba a chocar y te desmayaste  
Lisbette       A mí me llevaron al hospital porque estaba sangrando  
Chelsy        Pues claro que estabas sangrando...si te caíste en una calle llena de agujeros y piedras.

Lisbette       Sí, pero lo único que sé es que ése muchacho me chocó  
Chelsy        Ah bueno... sí, te chocó ya. Pero eso no viene al punto, dime ¿qué pasó?

Lisbette       Tú sabes que yo y José Andrés no estamos muy bien en nuestro matrimonio.

Chelsy        ¿Ahora, qué fue lo que pasó con ese tarántulo?

Lisbette       No le llames así.

Chelsy        ¿Cómo quieres que lo llame?

Lisbette       Como él se llama: José Andrés.

Chelsy        Ah bueno, José Andrés. Pero dime, ¿qué es lo que pasa?

Lisbette       Ay manita, tú ni te lo imaginas.

Chelsy        ¿Qué pasó?

Lisbette       Estoy embarazada.

(Chelsea se levanta, le da un abrazo a Lisbette)

Chelsy        Felicidades manita voy a ser tía

Lisbette       A mí no me felicites, todavía no sabes si vas a ser tía.

Chelsy        ¿Cómo así? ¿Estás en estado o no estás en estado?

Lisbette       Sí lo estoy pero no se si lo voy a tener.

Chelsy        ¿Pero por qué, todavía estás en problemas con el tarántulo?

(Lisbette mira a Chelsy mal)

A verdad, con José Andrés.

Lisbette       No se porque se te hace más difícil llamarlo por su nombre.

Chelsy        Porque ese nombre es muy largo porque José es un nombre y Andres es otro.

Lisbette       Pero es dos en uno -- José Andrés.

Chelsy Ay, yá. deja de estar hablando de ese taran... José Andrés.  
Lisbette OK manita el problema aquí es--  
Chelsy Sí ya lo se, el problema es él.  
Lisbette No... el problema que no es de él  
(Chelsy se quedó sorprendida)  
Chelsy Pero si no es de José Andrés, ¿de quien es?  
Lisbette No lo se. Me acuerdo de que me pelié con José Andrés y me fui a tomar y conocí alguien en ese lugar que me desahogué con él y tomé mucho y no me acuerdo de nada. Solo cuando desperté estaba con él.

Chelsy ¿Pero y qué pasó?  
Lisbette Yo me fui antes de que el despertara.  
Chelsy ¿Y José Andrés lo sabe?  
Lisbette No todavía, por cierto también lo cité aquí  
Chelsy ¿Qué? ¿También lo citaste?  
Lisbette Sí, ya callate que está ahí en la puerta.  
Chelsy Ya me voy.

Lisbette No te vayas hermana.  
Chelsy No quiero salir peleando con tu maridito. Espero que sí le digas todo

(llega José Andrés con rosas en sus manos)  
José A ¿Qué hace tu hermana aquí?  
Chelsy Ya me voy. Y tengo nombre, Chelsy. Bye manita te quiero.  
Lisbette Bye manita yo también te quiero gracias por todo.  
(Lisbette le da un abrazo a Chelsy)  
José A Toma mi amor, te traje las rosas que te gustan.  
Lisbette Wao ya veo ahora quieres ser detallista conmigo.  
José A Sí mi amor ya no quiero pelear contigo. Quiero estar bien contigo.  
Lisbette Hazme el favor. En estos últimos días ¿cuándo hemos estado bien?  
José A Lo se amor pero me llamaste que viniera aquí a este restaurante y me dijiste que ibas al doctor ¿qué pasó?  
Lisbette Tanto te interesa saber ahora porque cuando te dije que tenía tres semanas que no me llegaba el periodo me contestaste (Lisbette cambia la voz de un hombre) A mujer, eso es normal en ti. Que me iba a llegar en el otro mes.  
(José A Le agarra la mano y dice)  
José A Sí lo se. Perdóname por responder así. Sabes que tengo mucho trabajo. y me la paso estresado perdóname.  
Lisbette ¿Ahora pides perdón? Tal vez sea muy tarde.  
José A Mi amor, sabes que tú eres el amor de mi vida y que no importa que peleemos. Yo te amo.  
Lisbette Al parecer no lo demuestras.  
José A Ahora adelante te lo demostraré, pero dime ¿qué te dijo el doctor?  
Lisbette ¿De verdad quieres saber?  
José A Sí dime mujer

Lisbette        Estoy embarazada  
 (Jose A se levanta y se inclina y le da un beso al estomago y dice:)

José A        ¡Voy a ser papá!, Me hiciste el hombre más feliz del mundo  
 (Lisbette lo empuja y le dice:)

Lisbette        No vas a ser papa.

(Muy emocionado le contesta)

José A        Claro que sí, mi mujer está en estado.  
 (Lisbette llorando le dice)

Lisbette        No serás padre  
 (José A se le pama la risa y se queda mirandola y le dice)

José A        ¿Por qué dices eso?

Lisbette        No es tuyo y no lo quiero tener.

José A        (golpea a la mesa)¿por qué me hiciste infiel?

Lisbette        ¿Quieres saber el por qué?

José A        Sí.

Lisbette        Por tu falta de atención, ya entre los dos no hay comunicación. No hay pasión en la cama como antes.

José A        ¿Pero por qué? ¿Ya no te acuerdas cuando nos conocimos?

Lisbette        Sí, me acuerdo perfectamente. Eramos dos adolescentes muy enamorados. Como cuando tu tropesaste conmigo y--

José A        Y tú me tiraste tu helado encima y pusiste una cara tan bonita que desde el instante me enamoré de esa niña de ojitos café.

Lisbette        Sí, éramos muy feliz. Cuando nos casamos me dedicabas más tiempo hablábamos más, teníamos más comunicación en la cáma. Eras más detallista conmigo, me traías flores como hoy te acordaste que las rosas son mis favoritas.

José A        ¿Pero qué nos pasó?

Lisbette        No... ¿qué te pasó a ti? ¿Por qué de un momento a otro ya no nos hablábamos, no teníamos sexo, te levantabas temprano y llegabas tarde a la casa. Todo el día me la pasaba mas sola, deprimida, triste, pensando si la del error soy yo... ese fue mi por qué.

José A        Todo eso cambio porque peleas demasiado

Lisbette        ¿Porque te decía que las cosas no iban donde las ponias?

José A        Hay si, como no! No era asi que la decias (pone la voz como Lisbette:)

José, pon la ropa en el closet. Ah, no es así, que te levantes que el café se enfría, que no subas los pies sobre la mesa, que tu quieras ver la maldita novela y yo una película que yo no puedo hacer nada porque todo lo que hago en la casa... yo no sé.

Lisbette  
José A

Jose Andres vamos a ser mas serios. Yo lo hacía por tú bien. Sí, por mi bien tu dices pero eso afecto nuestra relación. Porque yo me levantaba temprano para ni escucharte la boca en la mañana, eso fue la razón por lo cual todo cambió y no era mi culpa. Tú me obligaste mucho en nuestro matrimonio y tu nunca miras tus errores. Siempre miras el de los demás. Ya esto no tiene solución, y esto lo decidiste tú.

**FIN**



## FALTA DEL AIRE

de Neysi Castillo

(Madre e hija en casa)

Martina (Mamá) Keisha, ya te dije que no vas a salir.

Kesiha ¿Pero por qué mamá? Tengo 14 años, tengo que salir a divertirme con mis amigos.

Martina Ya te dije que no.

(Keisha sale sin hacer ruido. Regresa a las cuatro de la mañana).

Martina Mira, hija de tu mamá, yo te dije que no salieras y llegaste a desobedecer. Pues, te vas a quedar sin teléfono todo el mes. Tal vez así aprendes a respetar.

Kesiha ¡Pero mamá! ¿Cómo voy a hablar con mi novio?

Martina Wow – La niñita ya tiene novio, pero ni sus propios calzones puede lavar. Dime, ¿De dónde es? ¿Tiene buena familia? Pues ve como le vas a hacer para hablar con ese bueno para nada, igual a vos.

Kesiha Pero mamá, no me hagas eso, lo amo.

Martina Vaya vaya, como que se le adelantó la navidad a la muchachita hablando de amor, apenas empieza a vivir.

Kesiha Ay no mamá. Allí vas de aburrida.

Martina Solo te digo una cosa, si me sales con tú domingo siete, te mando de voladita a la calle.

Kesiha ¡Pero mamá!

Martina Mamá, nada. ¡Ya te dije!

(Sale la muchacha y se encuentra con el novio)

Kesiha Papi, ¿te acuerdas cuando estuvimos juntos la última vez? Ya son dos meses que no me viene el periodo.

Alexis Pero mami, tu sabes que no estamos preparados para una responsabilidad así. Y te dije que te cuidarás. Si estás embarazada, vaya buscando como desaparecer ese chamaco del mapa.

Kesiha (llorando) Nunca me imaginé que tu te ibas a caer tan bajo. Poco hombre mal parido! Me arrepiento de haberte conocido.

Alexis Mi amor, piensa. Ponte en mis zapatos. ¿Qué le vamos a dar al chamaco ese?

Keisha Solo sirves para bajar el calzón, pero para enfrentar tu realidad, no puedes! ¡Cobarde!

(Le dio la espalda. Se va caminando a su casa)

Martina Hija, ¿de dónde vienes?

Kesiha De donde unas amigas.

Martina Pero tú hueles a perfume de hombre.

Kesiha Yo no mamá. Me encontré con mi amigo Carlos y me contó de una película tan amorosa y a la vez tan triste y lo abrazé.

Martina ¿Tú crees que soy idiota?

Kesiha Yo se que no eres idiota. Si quieres le puedo llamar a mi amigo para que confirmes que es verdad.

Martina (a ella misma) Ay, esa niña cree que soy tontita. Sabias que cuando ibas yo ya venia de regreso.

Kesiha Mamá, con usted no se puede.

(Pasaron dias. Llega la mamá despues del trabajo.)

Martina Hija, ¿cómo éstas? ¿Qué tal tu día? A mi me gustaria que hablemos que tengamos confianza si quieres puedes desahogarte conmigo. Soy tu mama. Además hija, quiero que nos llevemos bien.

Kesiha Mamá, a mi no me pasa nada.

Martina Hija, soy tu mamá. Cada vaca conoce su propio ganado.

Kesiha ¿Por qué dices eso mamá? ¡ Estoy bien!

Martina Esta bien hija. ¡No hay problema! Y por cierto, y tu novio de quien me hablaste aquel día, ¿por qué no lo traes a la casa para conocerlo?

Kesiha Hay mamá, si supieras.

Martina ¿Si yo supiera qué hija? ¿Pasa algo con ustedes? ¿Qué no puedo saber?

Kesiha No mamá. Alexis tiene mucho trabajo, por ahora no tiene tiempo.

Martina Hija, ¿pero por qué estas pálida. ¿Qué tienes?

Kesiha Por favor, mamá, estas insinuando lo que no es. Estoy bien. Mejor me voy a acostar.

Martina Dios mio, ¿qué le ésta pasando a mi hija?

(Amaneció. Martina sigue con la conversación)

Martina Hija, estuve pensando anoche sobre tu relacion. Dime, cuantos años tiene tu novio? Te veo cada día mas rara.

Kesiha Ay mamá, pasan días y cosas que no entiendo por qué me pasan a mí.

Martina ¿Por qué dices eso?

Kesiha Pasa que finjes ser buena madre, pero no me tienes tiempo.

Martina Tú sabes que estoy trabajando para no fallarte nada, para que te enfoques en tu estudio y graduarte hija, para que tú no pases por lo que yo pasé. Quiero verte triunfar, casarte.

Kesiha Hablando de eso, no creo que sea asi.

Martina Tú hablas con mucho misterio. ¿A qué quieres llegar con todo eso?

Kesiha Mamá.

Martina Pero habla muchacha.

Kesiha Me hace falta decirte esto.

Martina Habla, para poder entender.

Kesiha Mamá, creo que estoy embarazada y Alexis no quiere ser cargo. No te quería decir nada porque tú me lo advertiste.

Martina Dios mio. ¿Por qué, por qué? Yo que temía repetir la misma historia. Tanto sacrificio luchar día tras día para tu bien hija. ¿Por qué me haces eso? Ay Dios mio, siento que me falta aire.

Kesiha Tienes razon mamá, pero por favor no me corras de la casa. Te lo suplico, te puedo hacer todo aqui en la casa.

Martina Uy, hasta muy amable se convirtio ella.

Kesiha Mamá, te pido mil disculpas por no escucharte. Fui tan egoista contigo y gracias por no dejarme sola, que me estas apoyando en estos momentos más dificiles de mi vida.

Martina Ah, no!!! No, no, no. No mal interpretes las cosas. No te he dicho que estoy de acuerdo ni desacuerdo.

Kesiha Okay mamá.

(Suena el teléfono de Keisha)

Martina Pero contesta muchacha. ¿Por qué me quedas viendo? No me digas que es el sarnoso ese.

Kesiha Si mamá, es él.

Martina Pásame el teléfono para dejarle claro que tú no estás sola. (Pasa el teléfono)  
Mira, imbecil, mi hija no es tu juguete. Hubiese pensado que no te sacaron de una maleta. Cuerpo de hombres, pensamiento de niños!

Kesiha Un poco de respeto mamá, por favor.

Martina Tu cierra ese pico que la plática no es contigo.

Alexis Pero cálmate suegrita, no se me altere. Es más, debería de felicitar me porque la voy a hacer abuelita.

Martina Qué chistosito, ni educación tiene. ¡ Hablando de hacerme abuela! Estas hablando de alguien de quien no quieres hacerte cargo. Por favor niño mocoso.

Alex Jajaja suegrita, mejor pásame su dirección para pasar a dejar un helado para que se refresque.

Martina Niño malcriado. ¿Soy payasa para ti? ¿O qué?

Alexis: Vaya suegrita, no malinterprete las cosas.

Martina ¡Adios!

Alexis Vieja amargada, esa me cortó. Ojalá que te pudras...

Keisha Mamá, quiero tener a mi bebé.

Martina Traer un hijo al mundo no es jugar con una muñeca. El bebé necesita pampers, ropa y cuidado.

Keisha Ya entiendo por qué mi papá se fue de la casa, porque eres una mamá negativa.

Martina Siempre fui madre y padre para ti. Aprende a valorar lo que yo hice por ti niña malcriada.

Kesiha Por eso hacía mis cosas sin contar contigo. También tu sobreprotección, me temía decirte las cosas. No tenía con quien hablar. Lloraba de soledad. Te miraba y pensaba, si te digo las cosas o no, solo mis lagrimas en mi rostro decían todo lo que no he podido decir en palabras. Tu no creas, mama, las cosas no son tan faciles para mi. Soy tu hija pero temia que me juzgara por mis hechos.

Martina Hija discúlpame. Tienes toda la razón. Se que cometí el gran error en tu vida. Por eso te pido de corazón que me disculpes. Además, te apoyo en tu decision de traer a tu hijo al mundo. Tampoco él tiene la culpa de tus actos.

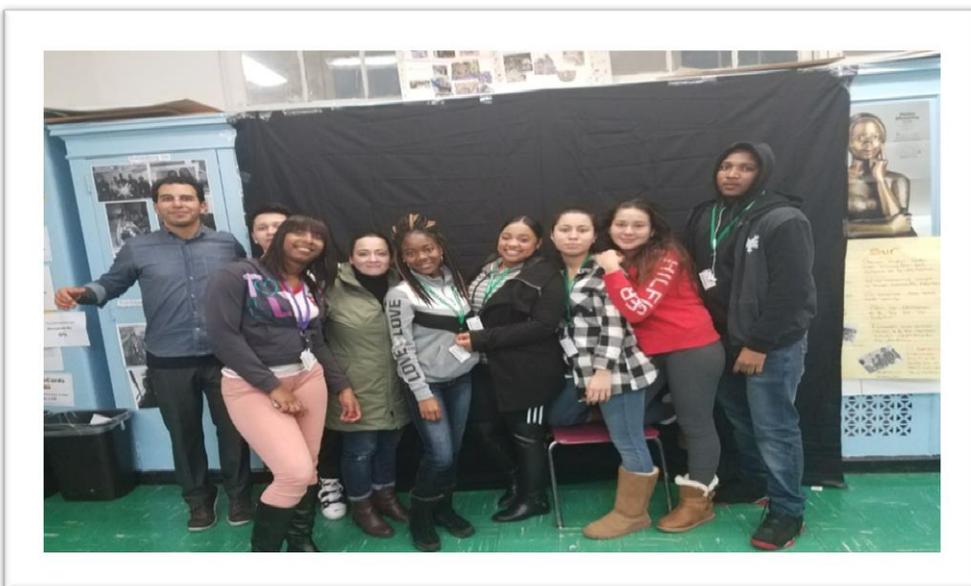
Keisha ¿De verdad mamá?

Martina Sí hija, las dos juntas vamos a salir adelante por el bienestar de este angelito.

Keisha Gracias mamá. Te prometo que yo también me voy a poner de mi parte para luchar por mi hijo. Te amo mamá. Discúlpame por faltarte el respeto, de hablarte feo sobre tu problema con mi papá.

Martina Te amo más hija y yo te disculpo (se abrazan)

**FIN**



# JUMANJI

Our dean, Ms. Tamarez, organized an end-of-the-year school trip to see the new movie, Jumanji! First we watched the original version in our classrooms. Then, after going to the movie theater, students compared and contrasted the two *Jumanji*'s.



**Which version of Jumanji did you like better, the old or new one? Why? Give evidence from the movies to support your claim.**

I like the new one better because they made me laugh, but sometimes they made me scared. Everything else about the new version seems supercharged! -- Qiaofeng Huang

I like the old version better because it has two children who were involved in exciting action like adults. They helped the man who has come back from the jungle with another woman Sarah to finish the pact. It was great. --Zeinabou

**Who was your favorite character and why? Explain.**

I love that black guy (Kevin Hart) because he makes me laugh many times. He's just like a kid, but sometimes he's just feeling like a "big man" to help his team members. --Junyi Dong

I like Alan Parrish. In the beginning of the story, he gets into Jumanji. When he comes back, he can't see his parents. But he never gives up to finish the game. --Liang Kai Zhang

**What was your favorite scene?**

My favorite scene is when they change bodies. I think that's so funny! Also as a team they are working to do everything and finish the game. --JiaWen

**Summarize the plot (in three sentences)!!!!**

Four students organize the library and find an old video cassette. Then the TV pulls them into Jumanji. In Jumanji they meet trouble and solve trouble. Finally they go back to the real world. --Fa Liang Zhang

**The Tenzer Staff at *Jumanji***

