

## **SELECTION 0 (Set 2)**

### **Analysis: Lit - Oscar Wao**

#### **ABSTRACT/SUMMARY:**

Evidence selected is neither accurate in amount nor connected to the assertion, and must score a zero.

#### **CRITERION 1: CHOICE**

Evidence selected in 2nd body paragraph is slightly connected to the overall paragraph, but only if the reader infers that the writer means to say that most Dominican boys have friends (which seems generous). Regardless, the lack of a clear assertion here-- Oscar is a teenager-- means that the evidence isn't connected.

Overall in the paper, the evidence is not adequate in amount as it is unclear where any indirect evidence starts and reader interpretation begins.

#### **CRITERION 2: PRESENTATION**

Scoring this criteria is moot as it does not score a 1 in choice; however, the one piece of direct evidence is roughly presented. It is incorporated into the writer's sentence with proper punctuation.

## Essay: Lit - Oscar Wao

### PBA #1 Question –

How does Junot Diaz' emphasis on the importance of connecting with others influence Oscar Wao's coming of age?

#### PBA#1

Oscar is finally not a virgin, he finally came of age. In *The Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao* Junot Diaz shows Oscar coming of age. As Oscar was growing up he went through many stages. He went from being cute and getting all the girls, to having pimples on his face. Oscar came of age because of the experiences he faced and the challenges he overcame.

When Oscar was younger, he had all the girls. Although at this age Oscar didn't need to understand how he feels about girls. There was one break up that made him realize that he has feelings and it hurts when you lose something that is important to you. As Junot Diaz shows Oscar is doing a lot of reflecting and trying to understand why everything happened the way it did. Moreover, Oscar was a player so he couldn't let this affect him.

Nevertheless, Oscar was now a teenager. He only had two friends that didn't have much in common with him. At this stage nobody really wanted to talk to him. As said in the book, "Oscar was a poor excuse for a Dominican boy." At this point since nobody really associated themselves with him, he got fat. Since Oscar was so to himself, he went unnoticeable. Oscar was coming of age because he found things that were more important to him. He, at this point decided to take a different path in life.

Oscar was now an adult; he knew what he wanted and how he was going to get it. Meeting someone that understood him, and liked him for him was going to be a good relationship. Going to college, Oscar met a girl named Ybon. Ybon made Oscar experience life. At this point Oscar started to reflect and think of what he could have done to make his life better. College was the breaking point for Oscar; he had more independence and freedom. He wasn't trapped in a shell anymore; he started making decisions on his own. He realized he can make his life anything that he wanted it to be. Everything that Oscar experienced at this time showed him growing up and coming of age.

In conclusion, in *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao* Junot Diaz shows Oscar coming of age. All the experiences that he faced taught him new things. This made him realize his life is in his hands. He had total control and that's what he had to learn.