

## STYLE 2 (Set 3)

### Analysis: Lit - Oscar Wao

#### ABSTRACT/SUMMARY:

This paper scores a two for an appropriate distance with audience. However, a lack of parallelism, present tense, and the presence of contractions prevents it from obtaining a 3.

#### CRITERION 1:

This paper is written in 3rd person and maintains a fairly credible distance throughout the paper (the sentence about the “player” notwithstanding). However, there are several contractions throughout the paper, and it is not written in the correct tense for literature (present).

#### CRITERION 2:

There is no evidence of parallelism or any rhetorical device to engage the reader.

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### 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.