

ENG 111: You've Got to. . . Assignments, Week Thirteen

The boy in the striped pajamas : Germans and Jews

Throughout my childhood I've enjoyed many drama tv shows and films. I like to feel deeply when I'm watching drama from their point of view. I like to know the motives behind every scene.

One of my favorite movies to watch is 'The boy with the striped pajamas.' The story behind this film is about a 8 year old boy named Bruno who meets a young boy who is a Jew named Shmuel as Bruno himself is a German. Bruno's dad works by putting the Jews in concentration camps however, Bruno is not aware of his fathers job title.

One day Shmuel realizes his dad is missing and goes looking for him. Bruno offers to help look for him. While he's helping shmuel all of a sudden everyone is quickly forced to go inside of the gas chamber as well as Bruno. Without realization his parents come looking for him and notice that he left his ball outside of the concentration camp and made his way inside. Meanwhile it is far too late to save him as they're running to stop the gas chambers that the innocent Jews are forcefully put inside of. The mother is crying and the father becomes incredibly guilty as he realizes what he has been doing is wrong.

This movie has played a major role in my life because no matter where you come from or how you look we are all humans. We're all unique in our own ways and I think with today society that is something to easily forget. Also as a first generation [nationality omitted for anonymity] American I never want to forget my roots and to be proud of where my family comes from.

* * *

“You’ve got to good days”

In the music “Good Days” by SZA she sings about how good days is her mind and how it would be safe to take a step out to get some air. This song is about moving from the negatives of the past and looking forward to better days. she is showing the worthy of good days and how much we need them.

This song in my opinion helps to calm down the negative energy and helps me to think. During the pandemic when this song came out it helped me a lot understanding of letting go of something and how to take a step out of situations. In the song when she says “good day in my mind, safe to take a step out” it reminds me of how because of covid-19 its hard for us to step out of our houses and be able to step outside safely. I keep thinking of a day where I can go outside safely again and not being worried about bad things. Every time I listen to this song it makes me so calm and takes all the bad energy away this song is a great song for bad days and good days it gives me hope that there will be better days.

* * *

My pandemic binge, “The 100”

For the past several months, my girlfriend and I have been watching “The 100” on Netflix! The show initially surrounds 100 delinquents who were sent to earth from space. Centuries earlier, humans had completely radiated earth, and were forced to evacuate to orbiting space stations. Since the crimes of the “100” made them disposable, they were first in line to be sent to the ground to see if earth was finally inhabitable again. When they landed however, things were very different than they had expected. They are met with civilizations, technology, religions, challenges, and war. Earth, although survivable, was no longer their home.

I must start off by saying what an incredible experience it was to watch this show. We were constantly surprised and impressed by the turns that were taken through the plot and determined that there really wasn’t anything like it. It’s a show where you can really form bonds with characters, but in the case

of “The 100” specifically, those bonds are dynamic and change throughout the series as characters develop. Critically I think that the writers literally had far too many ideas that to be quite honest probably could’ve made their own spinoff series’. Although, if you can keep up with how bizarre some of the ideas are, the show proves to be extremely captivating especially when the dots begin to connect. Overall, I would most definitely recommend “The 100” to anyone who wants a thrilling, post-apocalyptic, dystopian Sci-Fi adventure.

* * *

Real Doctors Or Not

The five time Emmy winning *Grey’s Anatomy* is on its seventeenth season on ABC. The show is focused around doctors at the well-known Seattle Grace Hospital that will later in the show be turned into Grey-Sloan Memorial Hospital. The doctors go through personal and work troubles that will bring them closer to form to be more of a family not just co-workers. *Grey’s Anatomy* has aspects that will make the show enjoyable for everyone, from the personal life situations the characters go through to the life stories of the patients.

Most people that watch the show don’t watch it for the medicine but rather for the attractive doctors that are played in the show. I know that’s part of the reason why I watch it. The creator of the show Shonda Rhimes always knows just how to mess with your emotions. Shonda Rhimes will get you attached to a character then make leave or have them die in the show. *Grey’s Anatomy* will have in crying and have you laughing all within the same episode. The unpredictable storylines will get you sucked into the show and have you waiting by the television for the next episode.

* * *

“The Decline of Fortnite”

Fortnite is a video game that was created in 2017. It is a battle royale game that consists of 100 players on one map with multiple landing spots. It is one of the most popular games of all time but as the years have passed, the game has been on a slow decline with the amount of players that are playing the game. In 2017 there were around 350 million registered players. In 2020 there were roughly around 125 million players. The game is one of the most popular of all time but it might be on a slow decline.

Fortnite in my opinion is still one of the greatest games out there. Even though Fortnite is not having nearly as many players as it once did, it still has over a hundred million active players playing. During quarantine the game had a rising amount playing because no one was allowed to go anywhere. I still play Fortnite with my friends to have a good time. The question everyone wonders is how much longer does Fortnite have left. Even with the slow decline, it still looks that Fortnite is not going anywhere anytime soon.

* * *

You've got to Listen

Mt. Joy released their first song, “Astrovan,” in 2016. It was not till 2017 that they released more songs, but they quickly reached the top of the Billboard Charts. Mt. Joy is a band with 5 members. Since 2017 Mt. Joy has performed a total of 153 concerts, as well as multiple tours. Their most popular song as of now is “Silver Lining,” which was released in 2018. Their most popular album, “Rearrange Us,” was released in 2020.

Unlike the opinions of others, I believe their best album is, “*Mt. Joy*,” which was released in 2018. This album has a total of 13 songs and my personal favorite “*Julia*,” this was my top song for the year of 2020. I discovered this band at the beginning of quarantine and listen to them almost every day since then.

I have introduced a few of my friends to this band and we have driven around for hours sometimes, listening to their songs.

* * *

You have got to see *The Pursuit of Happyness*

Will Smith starred in this film alongside his real-life son Jaden Smith. The film is about Chris Gardner, a father who struggles to sell a medical device so he can support his wife and son. His wife eventually leaves him and his five-year-old son because she was tired of having to struggle so much. Shortly after he loses his apartment causing him and his son to have to live on the streets. Chris is given a chance at a brokerage firm where he is encouraged to pursue his interest.

Why I like this movie is because it shows how much a father will work to support and give his child a good life. Will and Jaden Smith gave amazing and believable performances in this film. The message that it gives off is how to never give up on your dreams and to push through when the times get tough even if things seem hopeless. You can apply this state of mind especially to what happening right now in the world.

* * *

A Life-Changing album Freudian

Whenever I get asked “what’s your favorite song?” or “what type of music you listen to?” I tell them my favorite music type is R&B and my favorite song would be an album called Freudian by Daniel Caesar. It was released on August 25, 2017 by Golden Child Records, it includes artists from Kali Uchis, H.E.R., Syd, Sean Leon, and Charlotte Day Wilson. This album got an award for the R&B Recording of the year. The album is a mix of signals of heartbreak and betrayal. This new artist is becoming apparent to take on classic R&B, has seemingly flawless vocals.

R&B is one of the best kinds of music you can listen to, it is a straight up stacking of harmonies that engaging the imagination to soar beyond places it can take you. This album My favorite aspect of this album is how it has a wide variety of female vocals in almost every song of the album, it has so many different rich sounds that just takes you away to another place just by listening to it. Carries kind of raw emotion, he focusses on all the good and bad and the ugly of entering a relationship. This album I could best describe is how to mix emotions and musically, it's a genuine journey and for me it's one of the most life-changing for me in a while. Great albums promise you won't be disappointed at all whenever you listen to this gold album.

* * *

Halo – The Ring: The Most Nostalgic and Epic In Game History

I'm really into the video game *Halo*. This game is about a sci-fi universe which takes place over five-hundred years in the future. This game is very different and a lot more meaningful than a lot of other games. The reason I say this is because Halo-The Rings has music, gameplay, extra features, sound effects and makes you feel like an unstoppable 1st person shooter fighting machine.

The player's role is that of Master Chief, a cybernetic enhanced super soldier Spartan 2. Their support given by Cortana which is an Artificial intelligence. Players fight aliens which is known as the covenant in a ring shaped artificial world. Since the developed Bungie (1997) came out with this game, it has been published by Microsoft game studios which is also on Xbox.

I believed that a lot of people who haven't had the *Halo - The Ring* experience should try it out. I say that because this game has a lot of deep story details, character development, soundtracks and much more. The Master Chief can be a relatable person to the player and very fun to play as him. This game helped me through COVID because I recently got *Xbox Live*, which is a gift card you can buy to play online with others. I could play with my friends on the Multiplayer Online Mode, or go play the campaign as the

main character the Master Chief and earn achievements. This game is most successful due to its soundtrack with such hype, motivation, nostalgic, like music. It was a perfect fit with the gameplay and created many gaming childhoods for a lot of people. Others will really find the intensity of this game a way to relieve personal tension while enjoying a really challenging game.

* * *

Good Things Have Bad Things

As we go through life, it feels as if we are climbing a mountain. We have good memories, bad memories, and then we have grey boring memories. The song “Good Things Fall Apart” by Illenium & Jon Bellion gives the listener the impression that although things in life can go very well, there are consequences for everything.

The song goes into depth about relationship struggles, specifically how a woman that the author was with left him and he does not know why. “Coming to terms with a broken heart, I guess that sometimes good things fall apart.” It seems as if the author had gone through a difficult breakup and he doesn’t know what caused it. Personally, I really like lovesick songs because it’s something that I can relate to. The artist probably wrote the lyrics intending them to reach out to anyone with the same problem, which draws us to the mood of his song. The mood of lovesick songs usually is very slow and sad. This song, although started slow, was not depressing, or upsetting. The way that the artist mixed his hurting lyrics to the uplifting song makes me feel like he understands not knowing. Making music is just another way of expressing yourself and your feelings, but so is listening to it! As listeners we can feel what the artist(s) put off in their songs, and this is a big reason why we need music. What kind of music you listen to will determine your mood and mindset for a certain period of time. Listening to this song will decrease your stress if you have been upset about a past relationship, and also helps your self-worth. We tend to beat ourselves after relationships, but having an artist paint the picture for us really helps so please listen to the

song! Hopefully, this inspired many people to not stay down when someone they cared about has pushed them over. That is what the people should be looking for in songs, positive inspiration.