

ADG 30 Improvisation: Point of View Monologue Examples

Below is a series of example of a news topic being turned into a point of view thesis. The descriptions are written in third-person format so as not to inform students on how their characters would express the opinion, only to describe how they came to the opinion.

EXAMPLE 1

Stage 1 – Describe the topic

The character states that the government is introducing all-day kindergarten, and that means that the youngest children will be in school all day and not need to be picked-up.

Stage 2 – How does this opinion affect you?

The character thinks that all-day kindergarten is a good thing because then she would not have to pick up their children at inconvenient times.

Stage 3 – How is this like something that has happened to you?

One time, the character was in a situation in which she had taken her dry cleaning into the store, but they were closed. She didn't understand why they would be, because if she needed the store, it should have been open.

What is your POV thesis?

"Everything should be made convenient to me."

EXAMPLE 2

Stage 1 – Describe the topic

The character explains that there was an oil refinery in the middle of the Gulf that blew up and now oil is leaking out of the ocean floor, killing wildlife and staining the beaches with its toxic sludge.

Stage 2 – How does this topic affect you?

The character believes that it is a terrible thing that society, himself included, are addicted to oil, and how horrible it is that they must fuel their cars with something so toxic to life on the planet.

Stage 3 – How is this like something that has happened to you?

This spill is like the time that he had gone to his friend's house and accidentally spilled grape juice on the carpet. He tried and tried to clean it up, but nothing worked. His friend said it was only an accident, but he felt really and truly terrible, so he went and renovated his friend's home.

What is your POV thesis?

"Fix things, but fix them like the bad things never happened."

EXAMPLE 3**Stage 1 – Describe the topic**

The character explains that the government is merging the GST and the PST into a bigger tax, the HST, and that means that when he buys anything it will be more expensive.

Stage 2 – How does this opinion affect you?

The character feels that raising taxes is a bad thing, because it discourages him from spending money and buying all of the things that he wants.

Stage 3 – How is this like something that has happened to you?

When he was in high school, he asked this girl out on a date, but she wouldn't go with him unless he arranged a date for her friend and they went on a double date. He went on a double date, but the girl decided not to go out with him ever again, but his friend married her friend.

What is your POV thesis?

“If somebody makes conditions, you've lost everything.”