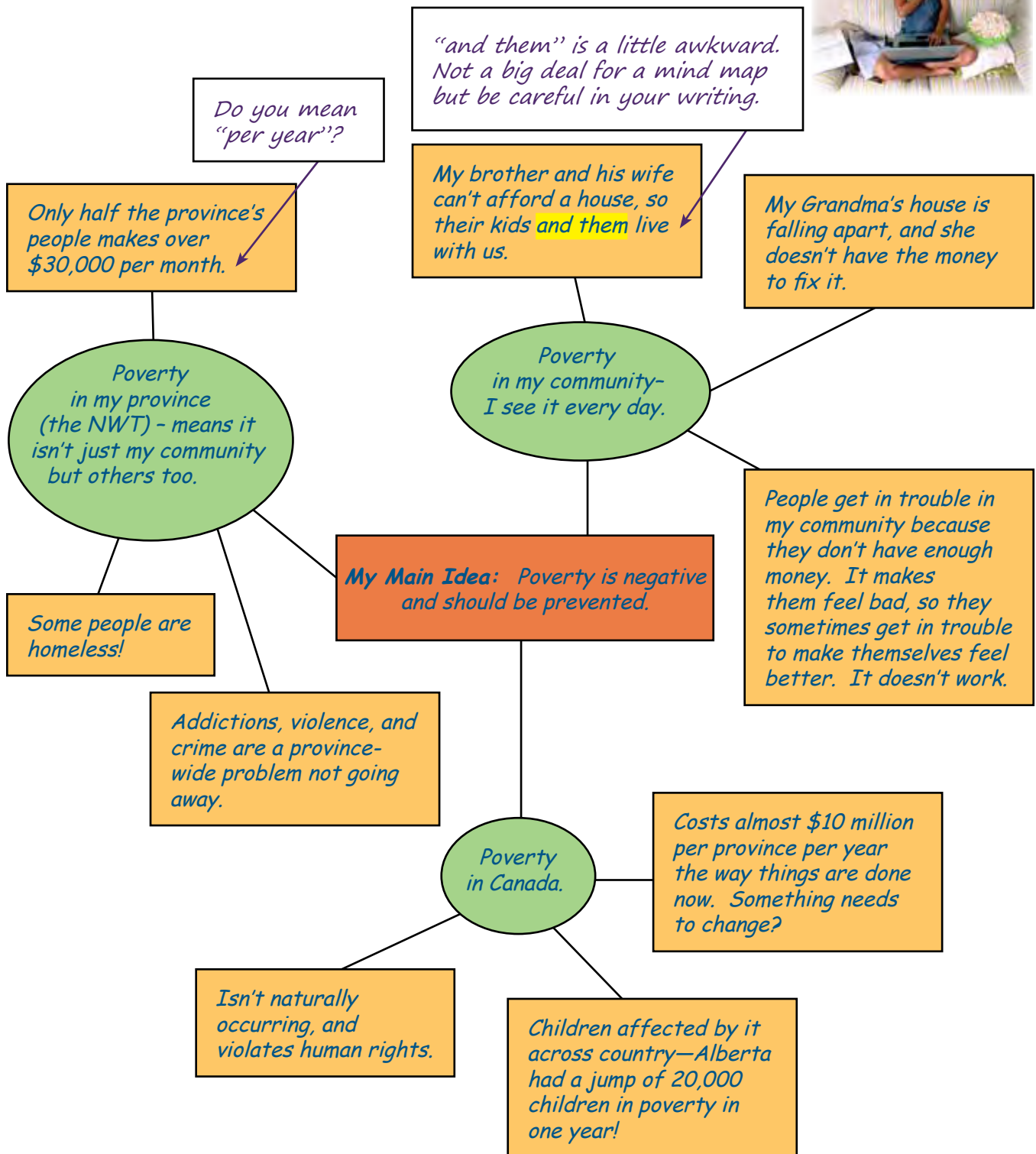


Hailey's 1.3 Rant



Hailey's Sources:

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Hailey's 1.3 Rant: Blog Entry – “How Poverty Affects Me & You”



This is a bit clunky. What about “the rent or pricing of houses is crazy”?

My name is Hailey Antoine, and I have a big problem with poverty. It all started a few years ago when my brother and his wife got married. My brother has a good job as a grocery store manager in Ft. Simpson, but the rent or prices of housing in our area are crazy! Even though he has a good job, they can't afford to live on their own with their kid. They say it is because they aren't getting paid enough to achieve the standard of living costs in my community. It makes our house really crowded and complicated to live in because they are stuck waiting for government housing. You basically wait until someone dies or moves south! That makes me really angry. I mean, who is calling all the shots on housing anyways? I think we need more houses up here so the demand goes down. I can see why this makes you so angry! It sounds very frustrating!

Who is “they”? Can you remind us here?

You don't have to say “I think” here. You're loud and clear! You do need a comma to divide your two thoughts, though.

My Grandma is another example of how poverty affects people in my community. She actually lives in a government house, which means the government charges my grandma rent at a reduced rate (still high!). When my Grandpa was sick, she got on the waiting list, because she knew she wouldn't have as much money if he died. She's very lucky she got in I think but also lucky she has a good family who would have been their for her if she hadn't. The statistics say about 5% of all women in the NWT are homeless. That's horrible. Here's the kicker! The month after my Grandma moves into this “Great” government house, the pipes freeze and blow up because they wer poorly insulated! My grandma now drives here to get her water all the time. For all that rent she pays (\$1600/month), no body is fixing her water pipes.

“There” is the correct word here because you are talking about a location. “Their” is a possessive pronoun (it is their house.)

Where is “here”? Specify. Your house? Town?

All one word.

You need a comma after “Sometimes” for connection.

When people are living below the standard of living, this means they are poor. In my community, when people are poor, they sometimes feel really bad or angry. Sometimes because they feel really bad or angry about not having enough money, they end up doing things that hurt themselves or others. I don't think they do it deliberately, but poverty does bring trouble, that's for sure. We have a lot of drinking and druge use that happens here sometimes, and I think it's because people feel bad for having not enough money to feed their families, live in a decent house, have a predictable meal, or things like that. These are things we sometimes take for granted—thank you for pointing this out!

This is repetitive, but I like how you are being very clear about some serious causes of conflict here.

Hailey's 1.3 Rant: Blog Entry – “How Poverty Affects Me & You” (continued)







This is a very profound observation, Hailey.

Poverty is not just a problem in my community or my province though. It is across Canada and the symptoms are the same there too. I read that in Alberta, "the number of children living below the poverty line...jumped from 53,000 in 2008 to 73,000 in 2009." It seems like poverty affects women, immigrants, children, single parents, older people, and Aboriginal people the most—they have a rough time I think, because too many people have the wrong idea about why poverty exists. Nelson Mandela once said, "Poverty is man-made, like slavery and apartheid." I agree with him. It is wrong that poverty exists. Instead of trying to stop it as it is happening, we should try and prevent it from happening to begin with. It is a basic human right that all people have food and shelter in our country! I can't wait until I am an adult so I can start making a difference for the people I care about.

Avoid slang. It's a serious matter and you don't want to take away from that by being too casual in your language.



Hailey's 1.3 Rant Assessment

Value	Descriptor			
 Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Your plan identifies <i>effectively</i> the issue, aspects researched, and organization (mind map). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> You include <i>detailed</i> information of sources researched. <input type="checkbox"/> You provide an <i>insightful</i> and <i>logical</i> discussion of the issue with <i>precise</i> support . <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Your rant is presented <i>skillfully</i> and <i>engagingly</i> according to conventions .			
 Proficient	<input type="checkbox"/> Your plan identifies <i>clearly</i> the issue, aspects researched, and organization (mind map). <input type="checkbox"/> You include <i>complete</i> information of sources researched. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> You provide a <i>thoughtful</i> discussion of the issue with <i>significant</i> support . <input type="checkbox"/> Your rant is presented <i>convincingly</i> according to conventions .			
 Satisfactory	<input type="checkbox"/> Your plan identifies <i>adequately</i> the issue, aspects researched, and organization (mind map). <input type="checkbox"/> You include <i>basic</i> information of sources researched. <input type="checkbox"/> You provide a <i>straightforward</i> discussion of the issue with <i>general</i> support . <input type="checkbox"/> Your rant is presented <i>believably</i> according to conventions .			
 Limited	<input type="checkbox"/> Your plan identifies <i>partially</i> the issue, aspects researched, and organization (mind map). <input type="checkbox"/> You include <i>incomplete</i> information of sources researched. <input type="checkbox"/> You provide an <i>underdeveloped</i> discussion of the issue with <i>insufficient</i> support . <input type="checkbox"/> Your rant is presented <i>ineffectively</i> according to conventions .			
 Resubmission Needed	Your attempt to respond is <i>insufficient</i> . Contact your teacher to discuss suggestions for improvement and resubmission of your work.			
TOTAL: 33/35 = 94%	10/10 Plan	5/5 Sources	8/10 Ideas and Support	10/10 Presentation
 Assessment	<p>Areas of strength: <i>Hailey, I was truly shocked to read about this issue with your unique experiences and observations. You made some very thoughtful comments here and provided excellent detail to support your ideas. You approached this serious subject well with your mature perspective.</i></p> <p>Might I suggest . . . <i>In the future use your mind map to help organize or act as a guideline for your written work. In your mind map, you had everything very well organized so that writing it would be a snap, but in your writing, you were a little bit disorganized. As well, ensure you always give your work that final 'once over' to edit any missing punctuation or spelling mistakes.</i></p>			