

## **MULTI-PARAGRAPH RESPONSE BY SABRINA GIUSTINO**

When do you think our ecosystem will reach of point of no return? Some people would say fives, some ten, some even say fifty years however, we will never really truly know until that day come, where we can say that we no longer have a place to call home anymore. The story called quiet town explores these ideas by slowly building up tension through the thoughts of its complex characters. From inspiration from stories that deal with topic of climate change such as Quiet Town, I was able to create a letter to the premier of B.C, John Horgan asking for him to make major change in the way B.C handles it's yearly wildfires. I truly believes that both pieces of literature, my letter and Quiet Town, deal with the question of what happen when your environment is near the point of destruction.

Climate change is like a bacteria and your body the environment, if you choose to ignore it, it will get worse, the only way to get rid of it is to give your body, the environment rest and medication. Not taking action quick enough is a major theme in both articles. This can be seen by Bez's flashbacks in the story of Quiet Town. The scene begins with Bez's son, Benji, coming in to warn his mother about the incoming flood, looking terrified when telling her the bad news. Then it cuts to a flashback about Bez's dead husband, Gordy and he and his wife sitting on their porch talking about a question. What happens to a water filled up to brim with ice cubes, when the ice cubes melt? The brainy woman answers it would displace the same amount of water as the frozen ice. Bez than informs us the Gordy reaction is "Gordy hadn't taken the news seriously, but at the time, nobody had". This scene foreshadows the future in which the entire town is flooded and gives us context to the past, in which nobody did anything about climate change fast enough and chose to ignore instead. One major problem I see far too often is people not understanding what climate change can do. I even speak about this in my letter, during the call to action and suggesting to the premier, John Horgan, that he should donate and try teach people about how bad climate change can be. "Trying to educate people on climate change is another great step since a great deal of people who were not affected by the fires do not actually understand how poor it has gotten or how much it has destroyed". This directly connect to the story of Quiet Town since it both has to do with ignorance of climate change. The only difference is that it's too late for the character's in Quiet Town however, we still have time to make change in the reality we currently live in.

Climate change is the karma for all the mistake we and our ancestors have created due to our greed. Bez, Ezzie and Benji are at the loss once they see the water seeping into the town and slowly coming to their home. All of them feel grief and loss since they will have to leave the only home they have know and don't know where else they could possible go. Bez thinks at the last moments of the story, "We should've had a TV, she thought absurdly". This quote foreshadows Bez's thoughts that it's too late for them and it will be soon that her son, Benji, that will die. My letter shows similar elements in its writing, during the call to action. In the call to action, I used all the evidence I've already given concerning how important I believe wildfires are to make the information I give much more impactful for the readers. "It has been reported that roughly 200-245 people in Canada will die each year because of the heatwave. If we do not fix this issue soon it is inevitable that more deaths will happen., both quotes deal with the consequences of climate change however, one of them tells you to do something while the other believes its too late". Both texts send the message that if this issue isn't solved the consequences will be human lives. From my perspective, both explore and ponder of what will be the future consequence for the actions of the character or people in the pieces of writing.

Can there be a solution to climate change or is it already far to late? Each of these stories explore that questions and overall, teaches us that they're needs to be some sort of change. Both writings tell us that if we don't make change, the environment will make its own change, and when that happen I do not know how we will survive. It might be far to late to make change in the reality the characters in Quiet town face but, it isn't too late for us. We will never know just when we won't have an environment anymore thus, we must try to what we can to make sure we are never forced to leave the place we call home.

