

Feature pointers

assignment feedback

show don't tell

- has chosen to meet at a *quirky* coffee shop
- made the move two years ago to study law and journalism, a decision founded on her passion for communicating and interest in law and social justice issues
- From this early family turmoil sprung two emotional characteristics that distinguish her from the rest of the crowd. The first is a penchant to fret about everyone and everything.....
- She is wearing a bracelet on her slender wrist. It is bulky and bangs together every time she moves her hand in a descriptive gesture. The items hanging off it are abstract and random **and have seemingly been thrown together to create something that explains its owner exactly. She says that**
- It's "a lot like me in the fact that none of it really matches or goes together. It's all by accident."
- **he addresses how** travelling changed him as a person in terms of his personality

now some more about me

- unless there is a really good reason keep yourself and the interview process in the background
- With age she has certainly matured and now speaks openly to me, her junior, about her teenage years - confident, intelligent and remarkably wise
- I interviewed her in the Unibar....
- When I asked her about...
- As talk turns to music and movie recommendations, I take a quick peek at my watch. It's almost two o'clock. We part ways and hurry off to our respective classes. Perhaps my first impressions of him were not correct – he is not nearly as shy and nonchalant as I thought, but rather articulate and passionate about his writing and his world.

the oversell

- teen perfection
- film reviewer extraordinaire
- It is music that defines him. It is at the core of his character. It is what fills him with enthusiasm. Even when you ask him about his favourite bands there is a twinkle in his eye and the conversation itself crescendos
- I realised it was going to be a triumphant moment in history if i was going to be able to crack her shell
- he's halfway there

focus on the subject

- Like most students
- Unlike most students
- You might imagine that...but....
- The untroubled and nonchalant life of a university student does not fit the common perception of many people. Who would have thought the life of a university student so simple? What ever happened to the stressed, strained and frazzled student life, struggling to keep up with the whale-sized study loads,

its about the person not the issue

- The bible is filled with gospels and parables that claim to speak the truth with teachings on moral and ethical behavior. In contrast the media, having been owned by a minute group of individuals, speaks on behalf of "their truth". It creates a reality based on capitalism, commercialization and an obsession with entertainment and trivial pop-culture issues. In society today, journalists are despised, labeled untrustworthy and of holding questionable morals. In Conley and Lamble's "The Daily Miracle-An introduction to journalism" (1997) it is quoted as proclaiming that "journalists rank with real estate agents and used-car salespeople in terms of prestige and public trust". With that in mind, how could an aspiring journalist who has an enriched passion for her faith and to live a truthful life, survive in the media world?
- Black nail polish, facial piercing, black hair, checks and stripes... they must be emo. There is a current trend sweeping across teenagers which is hard to ignore, the children of the future are becoming angry emo's. Emo, originating from its full term "emotional/emotive hardcore" is the stereotype given to 'punk' kids who are generally angry at everything, especially the world. It can be used to describe a general state of unhappiness, loneliness or melancholy. It is conquering young teens left right and centre, turning happy blond kids into emotional punks.

the hanging anecdote

- It might be a terrific story but what does it say about your subject?
- It might be a great little scene but what does it say about your subject?

happy wraps

- On the one hand she is an average University student, and on the other however, there is a passion for political affairs that will never be tamed
- From humble beginnings in Dapto to stimulating debate in Prague there is no question she will continue to take advantage of her opportunities, and impress employers in the future.
- And you know what? After spending just a brief amount of time with her it seems as though she genuinely deserves it.
- It is easy to see that anything she wants she will work hard to achieve. Since her somewhat traumatic childhood experiences her determination to succeed and struggle on has been demonstrated over and over again. It is this determination that will no doubt lead her to success in life and will soon have us talking about that famous journalist from *Marie Clare* or *Harper's Bizarre*.

smash your crystal balls

- she may not have acquired an internship at her local news whilst at high school; however after engaging in the potency of her personality I am left with no doubt that she can follow her idol into the talk show arena.
- The High Court judge
- Several editors of Vogue
- Best selling musicians
- famous international TV journalist with a professional soccer playing boyfriend and a Hollywood actress sister

attributions and revelations

- always attribute;
- use said or says unless there is a really good reason not to
 - she *revealed* her favorite film was...
 - she *confided* in me...
 - he *assures* that
 - “she’s what I would call cultured,” her friend *compliments* as she leans over her shoulder

this goes with that - or does it?

- My eyes avert hers
- she constantly averts her eyes toward
- the man behind the leash
- was inspired by Simon’s ability to draw readers in, to connect with them emotionally
- His persona, whilst profound, is nevertheless cocooned
- an unusually affectionate winter’s day

clichés

- One thing my mother always told me was to never judge a book by its cover and I stand by that
- this young woman is petite, with a warm heart

Say it directly. Say it simply

- Are you doubling up or stating the obvious?
 - her future career remains unclear
 - made a conscious decision
 - novel of historic fiction
- Is it abstract and vague?
 - Studying a BCM, she is finding the flexibility to explore what the degree has to offer. Mainly planning to major in advertising and marketing, she is taking advantage of journalism in the meantime, indicating appreciation of the opportunity.
- Avoid preliminaries
 - this 21-year-old, holds three part-time jobs, and somehow between working two shifts a week at the UniBar, four shifts at a local pharmacy, domestic and commercial cleaning, and full-time study, she manages to

Don't be formal

- The woman expends the type of warm smile...
- partaking in a serious discussion
- change in study direction
- my inquiries into her romantic status
- passion for certain leisure activities
- she achieved the desired marks

shiny writing

- good writing needs flow not gloss
 - And indeed it does.
 - It's true.
 - But then again, there is always tomorrow.
 - And you know what? She just might!

cross them off your list

- interestingly
- whilst
- amongst