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Teacher's Name (e.g., Ms. Thompson)

Course Name (e.g., AP Literature)

Date, European Style (e.g., 12 March 2023)

Annotated Bibliography

Crutcher, Chris. "A Brief Moment in the Life of Angus Bethune." *Athletic Shorts*, Harper Collins, 1991, pp. 1 - 29.

Angus Bethune, a football player with divorced parents, is worried about the Winter Ball because he is nominated for Winter King, something he assumes is a joke, and his crush, Melissa, will be there. Melissa arrives with another date, who proves to be problematic, and she confides in Angus about her struggles with bulimia before asking him to escort her from the dance in spite of her date's threats of violence. This short story is an example of Crutcher's use of humor and self-deprecating language to reveal the humanity of his characters. Crutcher's background as a therapist is on display through the honest portrayal of his characters' inner struggles.

Crutcher, Chris. "A Brief Moment in the Life of Angus Bethune." *Short Stories for Students*, edited by Kristen A. Dorsch, vol. 49, Gale, 2019, pp. 1-20. *Gale eBooks*, link.gale.com/apps/doc/CX7631100012/GVRL?u=sant89825&sid=bookmark-GVRL&xid=e0871b26. Accessed 8 Mar. 2023.

Contains information about the author's life, a summary of the plot of the short story, character details, historical context, themes, a critical overview, and literary criticism. Literary device focus: irony and self-deprecating humor. Themes

include the harmful effects of prejudice on both the victims and the perpetrator, as well as the way a young person's self-image can be warped by perceived imperfections. Style discussion highlights Crutcher's use of a fairy tale structure and allusions to convey a message about the human potential for transformation.

Crutcher, Chris. "Speaking My Mind: Sports Lit." *The English Journal*, vol. 104, no. 1, 2014, pp. 92–93. *JSTOR*, <http://www.jstor.org/stable/24484362>. Accessed 9 Mar. 2023.

Crutcher explains why he believes sports fiction should be taken seriously and how it is essential reading for all students, especially active ones. Connection to sports and story, include protagonists and antagonists, time and place, and climax. Themes include the benefits of working as a team, the value of sacrifice, and the harmfulness of cheating or lying.

"Interview with Chris Crutcher." *Journal of Adolescent & Adult Literacy*, vol. 46, no. 8, May 2003, pp. 696+. *Gale In Context: High School*, link.gale.com/apps/doc/A101679718/SUIC?u=sant89825&sid=bookmark-SUIC&xid=089c9034. Accessed 8 Mar. 2023.

Written in interview format, Chris Crutcher explains how his life experiences influence his work. Crutcher discusses his use of humor and self-deprecating language to uncover human frailties. He is interested in the healing power of humor and people tend to tease or use irony with those they know and love the most. Used for relevant author biography and the connection to his subjects.

Notes on completing an Annotated Bibliography of Works Cited

- ☐ For each entry, include MLA-format citation, a brief, but specific summary of the content, and an explanation of how you used the source and the importance of the source to understanding the story and completing the project.
- ☐ Structure:
 - ☐ MLA Citation
 - ☐ 1- 2 sentence summary of content
 - ☐ 2+ sentence explanation of how you used the source

All of these sentences are specific enough to demonstrate a close reading of each source.

- ☐ These sources are expected to be specifically referenced in the presentation:
“According to (name), (attributive tag), in *Short Stories for Students*...”