

**Charting Multiple Texts**

Text Information	What is the text’s big issue?	What claim does the text make?	What are the examples/quotes from the text?	What do you think about the text’s claim?	What are your examples?	How does this text connect to other texts?
<p><b>Title:</b> Hamlet’s soliloquy  <b>Author:</b> Shakespeare  <b>Genre:</b> Drama</p>	<p>Main character is contemplating suicide</p>	<p>Life is so miserable, causes so much pain, just end the suffering</p>	<p>Aptly chosen examples &amp; quotes</p>	<p>Personal</p>	<p>Must support ideas in column to the left</p>	<p>Hamlet is very pessimistic about the value of life. Armstrong is optimistic. Hamlet puts no value on an individual life—it is expendable.</p>
<p><b>Title:</b> It’s Not About the Bike  <b>Author:</b> Lance Armstrong with Sally Jenkins  <b>Genre:</b> Autobiographical</p>	<p>Facing the life’s challenges, including cancer, and coming out kicking and fighting</p>	<p>Don’t give up. Life isn’t fair—we must all play with the hand we’re dealt.</p>	<p>Aptly chosen examples &amp; quotes</p>	<p>Personal</p>	<p>Must support ideas in column to the left</p>	<p>Armstrong believes in perseverance. Our experiences make us stronger. Would completely disagree with Hamlet. He indicates no price tag on life, though.</p>

<p>Title: “What Is a Life Worth?”                  Author: Amanda Ripley                  Genre: News article</p>	<p>How the US government is deciding the \$ amount for compensating families of the victims of the 9/11 attacks</p>	<p>The calculations aren’t fair. Some families are granted far more than others. But how do you decide the \$\$\$ value of a life?</p>	<p>Aptly chosen examples &amp; quotes</p>	<p>Personal</p>	<p>Must support ideas in column to the left</p>	<p>Readers may want to use the website calculator to know how much THEIR life is “worth;” calculations are based solely on income and dependencies, not lost dreams or unfulfilled goals (Armstrong).</p>
<p>Title: Human Life Value Calculator                  Author: Life and Health Insurance Foundation for Education                  Genre: Website</p>	<p>Punch in the numbers and get a \$ value for your life.</p>	<p>A life’s value can be summer up in a dollar amount.</p>	<p>Aptly chosen examples &amp; quotes</p>	<p>Personal</p>	<p>Must support ideas in column to the left</p>	<p>Connects closely with Ripley’s article, since both discuss the value of life in monetary terms.</p>