

SAMPLE SHORT FORM FOR 9PreAP

1. Bieber, Justin. Justin: My First Three Years. Los Angeles: Bieber Publications, 2012.

2. In the novel, Justin: My First Three Years, by Justin Bieber (2012), the narrator and protagonist, Justin Bieber discovers that being a self-centered little creep does not cause people (including his mother) to like him. Told in first person point of view, the author supports his theme by describing the setting of London, Ontario establishing the major conflict that develops between Justin and his mother and incorporating simple diction and repetition of people and ideas. Bieber's purpose is to give his audience a glimpse into his life as a child prodigy. Bieber unintentionally creates a humorous tone throughout the short novel for an audience of simple-minded pre-teens .

3. Four Main Characters:

- Justin Bieber: Protagonist. He is a teenager who narrates the story of his life. He seems like a jerk most of the time.
- Selena Gomez: Justin's girlfriend and to whom he writes songs for. She is smarter than he is.
- Usher: The famous singer who helped Bieber become more popular. He isn't actually in the book but Justin mentions him over and over and over.
- Patricia Bieber: Justin's mom who was encouraged to have an abortion when she found herself pregnant at 17 years old.

4. Two Minor Characters:

- Beliebers: Justin's fans. Most of whom are under 12 years old. They aren't actually in the book because the book only focuses on his first three years, but Justin mentions them over and over and over.
- Scooter Braun: The producer who discovered Justin. He isn't in the book, but Justin mentions him over and over.

5. Three Main Settings (including time span and time setting):

- Time Span: The book takes place over three years.
- Time Setting: 1994-1997
- London, Ontario: This is the city where Justin was born. He remembers everything about the experience.
- His nursery: this is where Justin's mom would change his diaper and burped him.
- The family bathroom: This is where Justin's mom bathed him and tried to potty train him.

6. Plot Outline:

- Exposition: Justin's mom gets pregnant with him at age 17. Main Conflict: Justin is a brat even as an infant. His mother struggles to love him.
- Rising Action: Justin is born. He poops for the first time. He drinks a bottle.
- Turning point: His mom thinks about potty training him.
- Climax: She tries to potty train him but is not successful. He wets his pants all the time.
- Falling Action: Justin poops his pants at preschool. The preschool kicks him out.
- Resolution: His mom has to find him a new preschool and she realizes that she gave birth to a really difficult child who she struggles to have feeling for him.

7. Two Symbols:

- Justin's diaper. This is symbolic of his stupidity. He often takes his diaper off in public.
- The toilet: This is symbolic of his fear of falling in. It prevents him from being potty trained.

8. Two or three sentences on the author's style:

- Bieber uses short sentences and simple words which causes this book to read more like a Dr. Seuss book than a young adult novel. He writes informally as well. "I'mma" and "Errbody" are two examples of this informality.

- His use of similes and metaphors (which are often ridiculously inaccurate) adds to the humor of the storyline. For example, "I can be your Buzz Light year fly across the globe." "Imma make you shine bright like you're lying in the snow."

9. One or two sentences on dominate themes:

- One of the major themes in this novel is the fact that his mother tries so hard to love him but he does everything (errything) he can to anger her. This shows how even though you may have a lot of talent (although in Justin's case, this is debatable) you might not be a good person—even if you are only three years old.

10. Four Quotations:

- Justin's teenage father speaking to his girlfriend. This is what he says to her when she tells him she is pregnant: "No way."
- Justin's mother during labor: "AHHHHH!"
- Justin's first word: "Me"
- Beliebers who attend his concert (which doesn't actually happen in the book, but Justin mentions them over and over and over.

11. Final Comments: I hated this book. It was poorly written and it is obvious that Justin has a very small vocabulary because he uses small words and repeats the words, "Baby," "me," "myself" and "I." Justin Bieber is so conceited that he thinks that people will enjoy reading about his bathroom habits as a baby. I would not recommend this book to anyone who has a brain. I think I got stupider just by reading it.