**30.) Who presents a more realistic view of life, the sister in “Boy with His Hair Cut Short” of Mr. Dupont in “Furniture Art”? In your response, you *must* discuss *both* passages.**

1. Both passages offer a view of life but within very different circumstances. “Boy With His Hair Cut Short” is set in the 1930’s during the Great Depression when jobs were very hard to come by. He and his sister had almost lost hope completely of him getting a job but, she still cut his hair and tried her best to make it seem like it was going to be alright. In “Furniture Art” Mr. DuPont took a different approach to viewing life. He saw it from an artistic view, the explanation of his house shows us that: “The walls were painted in murals of bright colors and the furniture was a mess, paint-splattered and arranged in uncoventional patterns.” (paragraph 6) and his reasoning for why “I am an artist, you see. These inspire me. The energy flows so much better when zay are placed this way.” (paragraph 34) Most people wouldn’t look at things like this, but that’s just how he sees it.

Mr. DuPont in “Furniture Art” presents a more realistic view of life because he starts off answering the girls question of his opinon of the world by asking hers. Making her think about how she sees the world rather than just shoving his thoughts at her. The girl of course gets caught off gaurd and stumbles, and will not make eye contact with this seemingly crazy man. Within the time that she is over at his house doing the inteview he manages to change her perspective of the world around them. It took a long time and her getting quite upset before she fully understood the way he thought, it was impressive, to say the least that he managed to chnage this shy girls opion of him, and the world they live in at all. He never fully explains his opinion of the world obviously but it is shown throughout the story how he sees it. Beautiful. The only time he actually says what he thinks is when he has drawn a portrait for the girl and written “The world is beautiful if you can see it that way, but no less or more then it already was.”

    It is hard to compare the views from the two passages because they are set at very different times from each other but yet, they still have one common theme which is “Our perception of the world influences our actions.” In “Boy With His Hair Cut Short” they see the world as bleak and dark, not sure how to make it better. In line 23 it states “her earnest hopeless look..” Talking about his sister and how they have really lost hope of anything getting better even though they are still doing their best to make the most of it.  In “Furniture Art” it is very obvious when the girls mind is changed, “And then, slowly, like a camera lens opening or adjusting to the light, I suddenly saw furniture as art” after she saw the change she couldn’t go back and rather than being shy and scared, she wanted to tell all her classmates about this amazing thing she experienced. Her perception of the world had gone from small and closed in, eyes closed, just getting through and her actions had followed that but once she saw it differently, she would not go back.

2.    The sister in the poem, “Boy with His Hair Cut Short”, has a more realistic point of view on life. Because would you rather be a fake optimist to insure your brother still has hope, or be an isolated, unemployed artist who distrusts the teachers in the school system? There are many reasons why the sister has a more realistic point of view, for example, she understands that the hope of her brother getting a job is quite unrealistic, knowing that the economy isn’t very stable at the time. While, Mr. DuPont has a more easy going type of view of life. He is unemployed, he thinks of himself as an artist, and he thinks that going to school is a waste of time.

    One of the reason why the sister in the poem, “Boy with His Hair Cut Short”, is realistic is because she realizes that there are few to no jobs out in the economy that they are living in. But, she still makes every attempt to help her brother get a job. The setting takes place during the Great Depression so work is extremely hard to find as people have very little money. Even if she cuts her brothers long hair off, this will not guarantee him a job. She knows that in the economy looks may matter but more importantly she tries to give her brother a sense of hope. Even though it may seem she is the optimist in this poem, this is because she is trying to not let her brother lose his hope even though her hope is slowly dissipating. She is what some would call a fake optimist. Not even a, “decent suit laid out, new-pressed” suit will higher his chances of finding work and she knows this. Their lose of hope is shown as, “He lets his head fall, meeting her earnest hopeless look”, they no longer have the hope they once had, as they begin to realize that the struggle to find work is not over. She feels pity for her brother, “the blue vein, bright on her temple, pitifully beating”, most likely knowing he won’t find a job. Even though she feels this way, she still has hope of the economy coming around and her brother getting a job. She doesn't give up, but rather keeps encouraging him. This is shown, “they can't keep turning you down”. Basically, she realizes that the job hunt may be cut short because of little opportunity, but she still has fake optimism to show support for her brother.

    The view of life that Mr. DuPont has in the story, “Furniture Art”, is quite different from the sister in the poem, “Boy with His Hair Cut Short”, a view that is not as realistic. Mr. DuPont is an unemployed artist that lives in a cluttered and colourful household, that represents his life. Many called him a lunatic and it seemed as though he made sure to avoid contact with people. Many people also thought that, “his reasons for living… were like his pronunciation of the English language, hard to understand.” He believes that teacher are, “full of bull”. He believes that, “No one knows what to make of the world today. We can afford fancier, expensive cars that go the same places as we’ve already gone. We buy nice clothes but still feel ugly on zee inside.” This point of view is reasonably realistic in the way that even though we have more money say than those in the Great Depression we still go to the same place we have always gone and buy clothes that are expensive but don’t make you feel any better about yourself. And yet no one takes the time to look into each other’s eyes and see the world through their perspective. As he says, “The world is beautiful if you can see it that way, but no less or more than it already was.” Even though these points of view on life are very realistic, some of the other points, for example, the way he thinks schooling is not important, are not as realistic. We know this because of the statistics in the first reading piece saying that the people with  higher education levels tend to get better paying jobs. In the end, Mr. DuPont, even though he is very free spirited, the way he thinks about the economy and how he believes the school system is horrid and that teachers are “full of bull”, makes his view on life not realistic.

    The sister in, Boy with His Hair Cut Short, clearly has the more realistic view of life, over Mr. DuPont in, “Furniture Art”. Mr. DuPont is seen in the story as an unemployed artist who doesn't trust the teachers teaching in the school system. As the sister in the poem is seen as a realist, when it comes to the situation that they are in, and she is seen as the optimist of the poem for the sake of her brother. So, the realistic, fake optimistic sister clearly has a better point of view on life over the artist who goes out of his way for people to avoid him.

3. In the two passages I believe that Mr. Dupont has the more realistic view of life.

Both of the passages are good stories, but I enjoyed Furniture Art more.

Furniture art caught my attention very well. The story “Boy with His Hair Cut Short”

didn’t  have much of a deeper meaning to me.

In the story “Furniture Art” the student goes over to her neighbor's house thinking he is the town lunitec. When she returns home she sees him as a man of wisdom.

At The end of the story she looks at the couch and finally sees it as art. She then start to realize what Mr. Dupont has a very knowledgeable aspect on life. She hands her paper and doesn’t care for the C+that she got. Her parents are upset but she is satisfied because she got a new perspective on life.

In the “Boy with His Hair Cut Short” I think his sister is giving him a haircut.

He is getting readdy to go try to get a job. I think the meaning is to never give up hope <3. :)

I think both passages have an intriguing view on life <3<3 :)

4. The unique neighbor in “Furniture Art” gave a more realistic view on life then the sister in “Boy with His Hair Cut Short”.

Mr. DuPont opened the student's eyes and helped her see that the world is not just a “booming economy”. He tells her that even though people can buy more and have more expensive things they're not always happy. Mr.Dupont also tells the student that “The world is beautiful if you can see it that way, but no less ot more then it already was.” Meaning it depends on you how you want to see the world and how you want to go through life, but it's always been that way it is just your decision how you want to see it.

While the sister in “Boy with His Hair Cut Short” is encouraging him to keep trying even though he's been turned down many times. she's encouraging her brother to think that if you look and dress good maybe this time they will like you. Instead of saying something like they will like who for who you are or what you look like.

Both stories have their own view on life but “Furniture Art” had more of a all around realistic view in life.

5. I think Mr Dupont presents a more realistic view of life. The sister in “Boy with his hair cut short” is encouraging her brother. Her brother has been trying to get a job ,but did not manage to get yet. She cheers him up. It looks nice and also optimistic.But it is not realistic view of life.

Mr Dupont presents a more realistic view of life. He says to the girl that she needs to keep her eyes open and  see the world. He also says,” the world is beautiful, if you can see it that way. But, no less or more than it already was”. This quote means that we need to see the world realistically. It is really beautiful.  .

6. In my opinion both of the story has a realistic poin of view in life. Although the “Boy with His Hair Cut Short” talks about how difficult life is, that you will get turned down no matter what, in your life. People will criticize you because of your appearance, and at the “Furniture Art” talks about how you need to open your eyes and see the reality. Like how Mr. Dupont talks about his furniture, he made the girl close her eyes and breath, and he told her when she open her eyes just look at the wuch as an art just feel it and you’ll see the real meaning of this.

7. In my opinion “Furniture Art” shows a more realistic view on life. The sister says a lot of things like “you’ll look fine tomorrow,” but later shows how little she believes what she is saying. She gives him a sort of false hope. Mr. DuPont has a very realistic and different view on life. He says “we can afford fancier, expensive cars that go the same places we’e always gone”, which means we don’t need the most expensive high quality items to be happy. We can get through life with the simplest things and still find happieness.

the sister seemed to fake hope to make him believe he has a shot, but doesn’t believe it herself, she has no hope in the world and Mr. Dupont seemed to be much more hopefull. She seems to give her poem a very sad, dark, and fake tone, while on the other hand Mr. Dupont gives his story a super joyful, colourful and hopfull tone. the two stories tones are quite different almost the opposite to one another.

mr DuPont has a happy view on life, much happier than the sister. but they are set in two different time settings, and the sister is in a really sad part of time. That could effect the way they see life. the sister has many reasons to be very negative. Her brother seems to have had many fails trying to get a job. So their point of views are very different but mostly because of how different their lives are

8. The sister in “boy with his hair cut short” seems to be content with trying to make her false optomisom rub off on her brother simply by exposing him to it and seems to be relying on him for financial support. Mr. DuPont seems to have a concrete belief/understanding of how children are being influenced from the governmend and how the world is being incorrectly run in his eyes. Considering the sisters time period I think that providing as positive an environment and Doing all she can to prepare her brother for a Job interview is more realistic than DuPont imposing his unique view of life onto a Girl cousting tuvouch our moDern day buracracy.

9. The difference between the two characters were pretty large Mr. DuPont was trying to make the girl feel that there is more to the world than just talk about good economy. In a way I found Mr. DuPont less realistic and encouraged to just see the world for being beautiful like it always has been as he described in the picture he drew her. Life isn’t always beautiful but I think he was trying to promote a positive way of living for her.

The sister from “Boy with his hair cut short” is much like Mr. DuPont from the other story. She encourages him just like Mr. DuPont did except she is his sister. She tries to make him feel confident for tomrw by cutting his hair and complimenting him but she doesn’t give him false hope. She is more of a realist to me because she knows he hasn’t gotten jobs and so she doesn’t say for example “you’ve got this one” or something. She put the reality to it and said “you’ll do fine tomrw.”

10. In “Boy with his hair cut short” their view on life doesn’t seem the best. The boy is cutting his hair and getting all dressed up to try and get a job. That’s practically saying that they’re looking at just your appearance to decide weather the employer would like to hire you or not. It is also saying not to give up after things like a failure or weeks which is a very good point except your appearance should have nothing to do with your failure.

In “Furniture Art” the girl goes in scared to talk to what she thinks is her crazy neighbour but finds out that he is a lot smarter than he seems. His view on society is different then most, some may think its irrational like the social studies teacher did. But really Mr. DuPont just has a different perspective on life, he chooses to look at things differently, like art insted of furniture.

Furniture Art has a more realistic view on socity like Mr. DuPont said “The world is beautiful if you can see it that, but no less or more than it already was.” It is your choice on how you look at things. Everything is beautiful just not everyone see it’s beauty. You have the choice to look at things differatly.