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My understanding of the consequences of change has been shaped by the techniques of various compositions such as Melina Marchetta's 'Looking for "Alibrandi"' A prose from the 'Changing' stimulus booklet 'Sky High' a newspaper article from the Sydney Morning Herald titled "girl, 15, dies at Big Day Out!" and also a song written by Marshall Mathers titled 'Stan!'

Some of the techniques used in 'Alibrandi' to make me see the consequences of change are all shock changes, these when John Barton commits suicide, it is a shock for the whole community and especially Bosie, who was

good friends with John. This change opened some eyes and brought Jessie and Jacob Coote closer together yet another change that has been interwoven with another. This is another technique Melina Marchetta has used - all change happens for a reason.

In 'Sky High' a lady reflects back on her past and remembers how much she has changed. This change also happens for a reason but it happens naturally. The old lady remembers when she was young and she used to play on the coastline she never had a care or worry in the world, but now that she has grown up she would love to

climb the clothes line ~~is~~ again but there are too many things tying her to the ground. This shows how people change perspective as they grow older, and it also demonstrates how society has an impact on how we perceive things, and how we change our perspective & on things to fit in.

The newspaper article 'girl' was also written as an informing eye opener and also demonstrates how one event can change so many perspectives. This article is about a 15 year old girl that died at the big day out, & there are many different perspectives on why but the article is written

in such a way that it blames everything:- it was a hot day, the crowd was too big, there was not enough security, it was most likely a combination of these things, but now a lot of peoples perspectives have changed people now think that 'The Big Day Out' is dangerous and that you will be killed because there are too many people and you won't be looked after due to a lack of security. Whereas as before the incident people thought that 'The Big Day Out' was a great concert, relatively safe, (safe enough for a 15 year old girl to go to) good value for money and a great atmosphere. This is another example of one ~~Big~~ event has changed a lot.

of perspectives dramatically.

A different example is in the song 'Stan' written by Marshall Mathers, the song is about a young teenage boy who ~~the young boy~~ ^(Stan) idealises Slim Shady and writes to him to express his feelings towards Slim. When Stan ~~the young boy~~ doesn't get a reply after two letters he thinks that Slim doesn't like him and that Slim is too busy to reply to his letters, which is not the case at all, Slim has a lot of fan mail to read and reply to and Stan doesn't understand this.

Stan then over reacts and kills himself, his girlfriend and his baby. Slim writes back too late

at the end of the song realising that he was too late.

This shows a gradual change in perspective from love to hate.

In conclusion all these texts have taught us different things about the consequences of change, it can be good, bad, good things can come out of bad change and vice versa. I have learned that change can happen dramatically or over time and I've also learned that most change cannot be stopped.