

Will You Notice Me?
By Gigi Nelson

*Orange Questions with an asterisk can be asked on a 3 board

VAKT MATERIALS: The Man With the Violin kids book found [here](#)
(optional)

Have you ever NOTICED something, a small detail, person, or event that it seems no one else notices? In 2007, a man named JOSHUA BELL did an EXPERIMENT and went INCOGNITO (with one's identity DISGUISED or concealed) in a WASHINGTON DC METRO station to see how many people would...notice him.

Spell: NOTICED PEOPLE BEAUTY

What is the name of the person mentioned above? JOSHUA BELL

Bell did an _____ to see how many people would notice him.

EXPERIMENT

The experiment took place in a _____ Metro station. WASHINGTON DC

Have you ever noticed something, a _____ that it seems no one else notices? SMALL DETAIL, PERSON, EVENT

Incognito means with one's identity ____? DISGUISED, CONCEALED*

What is another form of public transportation you're familiar with? SUBWAY, BUS, TRAIN

What year did Joshua Bell do his experiment? 2007

If you could walk around with your identity disguised would you?

What would you disguise yourself as?

Joshua Bell was born in 1967 in BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA. When Joshua was four years old, he made his own INSTRUMENT by stretching rubber bands across the handles on the drawers of his dresser. He PLUCKED (to pull or to pick) out the music he heard his mother play on the piano. Soon after, he got his first VIOLIN and began to play.

Spell: MUSIC FIRST MOTHER

When Joshua was four years old, he made his own _____?

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INSTRUMENT

What did he stretch across the handles of his dresser? RUBBER BANDS

Where was Joshua Bell born? BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA* What is another way of saying plucked? TO PULL, TO PICK Name one instrument mentioned in the chunk above. PIANO, VIOLIN Name another instrument you're familiar with. GUITAR, BANJO, DRUMS What year was Joshua born? 1967

How long ago was Joshua born? Show your equation. $2022 - 1967 = 55$ YEARS AGO

If you could play any instrument, what would it be and why? VAKT:
Watch this time lapse video of Joshua Bell playing in the subway.
[Joshua Bell and the Washington Post Subway Experiment.flv](#)

If you watched the video above, it was a time lapse of the experiment that Joshua Bell did in the D.C. Metro station. He COLLABORATED (collude, cooperate) with the WASHINGTON POST on this SOCIAL experiment. They wanted to explore the PERCEPTION (the state of being aware of something) and priorities of people. According to awesomevideomakers.com, the question at the core of this ENDEAVOR (undertaking, labor) was "In a commonplace environment at an INAPPROPRIATE hour do we perceive beauty?"

Spell: TIME EXPLORE VIDEO

Who did Joshua collaborate with? THE WASHINGTON POST Joshua collaborated with the Post on a _____ experiment. SOCIAL What is the definition given above for the word perception? THE STATE OF BEING AWARE OF SOMETHING

What was the question at the core of the endeavor? IN A COMMONPLACE ENVIRONMENT AT AN INAPPROPRIATE HOUR DO WE PERCEIVE BEAUTY

What is another word for collaborate? COLLUDE, COOPERATE* They wanted to explore the _____ of people? PERCEPTION, PRIORITIES What is a synonym for endeavor? UNDERTAKING, LABOR

It was a BRISK January morning when Joshua Bell played his violin in the

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Metro station. He played six BACH pieces for a total of about 45 minutes. Reports state that during that time, one thousand one hundred people would have passed by as the notes drifted through the air. The person who paid the most attention was a 3 year old boy. Several children paused to listen and then were rushed ahead by their parents. The BUSYNESS of

SCHEDULES, time, and deadlines seemed to drown out the beauty of the moment.

Spell: JANUARY MORNING BUSYNESS

What type of January morning was it when Joshua played? BRISK

He played six _____ pieces. BACH

It was estimated that 1,100 people passed by while the _____ drifted through the air. NOTES

Several _____ paused to listen. CHILDREN

The busyness of _____ seemed to drown out the beauty of the moment?

SCHEDULES, TIME, DEADLINES

What is Bach's first and middle name? JOHANN SEBASTIAN What is

another composer you're familiar with? MOZART, BEETHOVEN,

CHOPIN

For how long did Joshua play? 45 MINUTES

How many people passed by while Joshua was playing? 1100 How old

was the boy who paid the most attention? 3 YEARS OLD Out of the 1100

people who passed by, what is your guess on how many stopped and

spent some time watching Joshua play? Why did you guess that

number?

Generally street musicians will collect donations while they play. How much money do you think Joshua collected in the 45 minutes he played?

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Photo of Joshua Bell in Metro Station taken from [here](#) taken from [here](#)

Again, according to awesomevideomakers.com, during the time that Joshua played, only 6 people stopped to watch for any length of time.

About 20 people gave him money as they HURRIEDLY walked by. He ACCUMULATED (gathered, collected) \$32 dollars that day. When he finished playing, no one clapped, no one paid attention, no one seemed to notice at all. Joshua Bell is actually one of the most TALENTED musicians in the world. He played a super hard piece on an INSANELY (wildly, crazily) expensive violin. (His violin was worth 3.5 million dollars). So, why didn't more people stop?

Spell: AWESOME PLAYED MONEY

Only 6 people stopped to ____? WATCH

About 20 people gave him money as they ____? HURRIEDLY WALKED BY

Joshua Bell is one of the most ____ musicians in the world? TALENTED

He played on an ____ expensive violin. INSANELY

What's another word for accumulated? GATHERED, COLLECTED*

When he finished playing, no one ____? CLAPPED, PAID ATTENTION, SEEMED TO NOTICE AT ALL

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According to the chunk above, what's a synonym for insanely? WILDLY, CRAZILY

How many people stopped by to watch for any length of time? 6 PEOPLE

How much money did he collect? 32 DOLLARS

How much was his violin worth? 3.5 MILLION DOLLARS

VAKT: Point to the picture of Joshua above

Why do you think more people didn't stop to watch?

Why do you think children stopped most often?



The Good Samaritan by Jacob Jordaens found [here](#)

There's a PARABLE (story, tale) told in the Bible called the Parable of the Good SAMARITAN. In this parable found in LUKE Chapter 10 verses 25-37 a TRAVELER lay injured by the side of the road. The first two people to see him pass by without helping him. A third person, a Samaritan, finally stops to help the dying man. The story of Joshua Bell reminded me of another experiment I had read about called The Good Samaritan Experiment that was CONDUCTED (managed, carried out) in 1973.

Spell: BIBLE GOOD SAMARITAN

The parable is found in ____ Chapter 10. LUKE

In this parable, a ____ lay injured by the side of the road. TRAVELER

What is another word for parable? STORY, TALE*

What is a synonym for conducted? MANAGED, CARRIED OUT Where is this parable found? Luke ____? CHAPTER 10 VERSES 25-37 What

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year was The Good Samaritan conducted? 1973

Name one of the other Gospels in the Bible MATTHEW, MARK, JOHN

In The Good Samaritan experiment, PSYCHOLOGISTS JOHN DARLEY and C. DANIEL BATSON wanted to see if RELIGION would OVERTLY (in a way that is open, straightforward, or obvious) impact the helpful behavior of one person to another. The students in the experiment were all SEMINARY students. Half of them were given the story of the Good Samaritan and asked to give a SERMON (religious discourse) on that subject in another building. The other half were asked to give a presentation on job opportunities in the building. Some students were then given a certain time they needed to present by so that they would be in a hurry while others were not. On the way to the building, they would pass by a man SLUMPED over and clearly in need of help.

Spell: HURRY STUDENTS STORY

John Darley and C. Daniel Batson were both ____? PSYCHOLOGISTS
They wanted to see if ____ would impact the helpful behavior of one person to another. RELIGION

The students were all ____ students. SEMINARY

A sermon is a ____? RELIGIOUS DISCOURSE

What is the name of one of the psychologists mentioned? JOHN DARLEY, C. DANIEL BATSON

Overtly means in a way that is ____? OPEN, STRAIGHTFORWARD, OBVIOUS

On the way to the building, the student would pass by a man who was ____? SLUMPED OVER, CLEARLY IN NEED OF HELP

What do you think the results of the experiment will be? Do you think those giving a sermon are more likely to help the man?

The results of the study showed that the students presenting a sermon on the parable of the Good Samaritan did NOT stop more often to help the hurt man (an actor) than those presenting on job opportunities. The only factor that seemed to impact the outcome was *how much of a hurry everyone was in*. 40% of students total offered help to the victim. In low

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hurry cases, 63% helped, medium hurry was 45% and in high hurry situations, only 10% helped.

Spell: SERMON HELP OPPORTUNITIES

The only factor that seemed to impact the outcome was ____? HOW MUCH OF A HURRY EVERYONE WAS IN

What percentage of total students helped? 40 PERCENT What percentage of students in high hurry situations helped? 10 PERCENT

If the question at the core of Joshua Bell's experiment was "In a commonplace environment at an *inappropriate* hour do we perceive beauty?" according to the Good Samaritan experiment it seems the most important VARIABLE is not the commonplace environment, but instead the 'inappropriate hour.' The vast majority of the 1100 people who were in the Metro that day PRESUMABLY (probably, surely) had a schedule and transportation to catch in order to get somewhere by a certain time. They were almost all in a hurry.

Spell: COMMONPLACE IMPORTANT VARIABLE If we apply the outcomes of the Good Samaritan experiment to Joshua Bell's experiment what seems to be the most important variable? THE INAPPROPRIATE HOUR

What is a synonym for presumably? PROBABLY, SURELY

The famous author FYODER DOSTOYEVSKY said "beauty will save the world." Maybe all we need to do is slow down, create space and room in our schedules, and make time to notice that beauty.

Spell: BEAUTY SLOW DOWN

Who said "beauty will save the world?" *FYODER, DOSTOYEVSKY, FYODER DOSTOYEVSKY

Maybe all we need to do is ____? SLOW DOWN, CREATE SPACE AND ROOM IN OUR SCHEDULES, MAKE TIME TO NOTICE IT

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VAKTIVITY: Listen (watch) to Joshua Bell play Four Seasons - but only if you have enough time :)

Joshua Bell (Violin) Plays Vivaldi's "The Four Seasons"

OR: Read [The Man With the Violin](#)

CREATIVE WRITING: What do you think about the phrase 'beauty will save the world?' Do you agree or disagree? What do you think stands in the way of people noticing beauty? If you had to make your own statement ____ will save the world (without using beauty), what would it be? Why?

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