

- Put your name here: _____ And also on the back. (5 pts)
- Highlight or underline important information (5 pts)
- Annotate by making comments in the margins, minimum of 5 (5pts)
- Define your vocabulary words in the designated vocabulary space by googling them or looking them up on the website (10 pts)
- Goes into effect AOW 2:** List the kind of organizational pattern this article uses and why by filling in the template below:
This article uses _____ because _____. (10 pts)
- Under prompt (bottom of page), plan 2 guiding reasons and 2 SPECIFIC, NAMED examples. (10 pts)
- Include a thesis with points A and B. Be sure to include two persuasive examples in body paragraphs, one in body paragraph 1 and another in body paragraph 2 (10 pts)
- Give a persuasive response to the WRITE statement at the bottom of the page by writing an essay on the back. Make sure to choose only ONE side of the argument in your writing. We NEVER write about both sides. (up to 30 pts)
- DO NOT USE "I" or "you" when writing your response. Form opinions WITHOUT IT. (5 pts)
- Make sure that your essay uses PARAGRAPHS. This means, 1. Indent 2. No skipping lines between paragraphs 3. A paragraph is MORE than just one sentence 4. Minimum of 4 paragraphs. (10 pts)



Stay Humble and Kind

Country music star Tim McGraw has a simple message for kids.

By [Lilian Jochmann](#)



Tim McGraw has another hit song to add to his long list of chart toppers. It's called "Humble and Kind." I recently traveled to Nashville, Tennessee, to speak with McGraw about the song and the values that he wants to share with fans. "The song says all of the things that, as an adult, you'd like to say to your kids, and you'd want your kids to live by," says McGraw, who has three daughters. "As an adult, there are things that you want to look in the mirror and try to reflect about every day and try to remind yourself of." Doing the right thing takes practice, McGraw says. But, he adds, "simple things lead to big things. Kindness, like songwriting, is a craft that you work on every day to get better at."

McGraw certainly has worked hard at his craft. Ten of his 14 albums have reached No. 1 on the Top Country Albums charts. His Soul2Soul II Tour with his wife and fellow country singer, Faith Hill, became the highest-grossing tour in country music history.

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Despite his many successes, McGraw knows that life can be a struggle. He says that it's worth persevering. It's also important to show kindness and compassion for others:

*I know you got mountains to climb but
Always stay humble and kind.*

McGraw recently teamed up with Scholastic Reading Club to sponsor a poetry contest for students in grades 6-8. Kids are invited to write a three- or four-line stanza expressing their ideas about how to be humble, kind, and compassionate. "If you think about what this song says and transfer that into your own words," McGraw says, "[the message] ingrains itself deeper into your soul." "always stay humble and kind."

Define vocabulary here:

Mood: _____

Tone: _____

Narration: _____

Point of View : _____

Synonym: _____

Antonym: _____

WRITE an essay stating your position on whether or not it is important to stay humble and kind.

A: _____ → _____

B: _____ → _____

(Reason) (Example)

