

# 2014 Comp A

Text 2 - Cultural Influences

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# Question 1

- ❖ Key words to highlight when reading the question are **outline**; **in your own words** and **either**.
- ❖ As this is a 15 mark question, you should aim to make three well developed points.
- ❖ I based my sample answer (available on [educate plus.ie](http://educateplus.ie)) on John Lanchester's comments as they are neatly divided into three paragraphs and a conclusion.



- ❖ The question requires you to summarise and rephrase your chosen writer's points, so keep quotation to a minimum in this answer.
- ❖ If you have time, a brief introduction outlining the points which will be developed in the rest of your answer is a good way to begin. Remember, though, that you **MUST** develop each of these points!

Points / Plan - Always write a brief, (scribbled) plan for your own reference.

- ❖ Newness of video games is exciting and appealing
- ❖ Allow player to take control - engages player with story
- ❖ Novels and video games take you into a world created by others



# Question 2

- ❖ Key words to highlight are **two observations** (one from each writer); **thought-provoking** and **personal response**. In this question you are asked to identify two observations from the text, you can limit your answer to two paragraphs.



# Points / Plan

- ❖ Warner: importance of being true to your own culture rather than trying to impress
- ❖ Lanchester: link between novels and video games

# Question 3

- ❖ Key words to highlight here are style and in both of their contributions.
- ❖ You are free to say you found both writers equally effective or you may prefer one over the other.
- ❖ The important thing is to compare *both* of them in your answer.
- ❖ Think of the way you compare texts in your comparative study. Use the same techniques in this answer: dig out the link words and phrases!



# Points / Plan

- ❖ Prefer Lanchester's style
- ❖ Warner lacks structure
- ❖ Chatty tone can ramble at times
- ❖ Lanchester refers to common frame of reference while Warner focuses on his own life
- ❖ Lanchester's writing is more memorable because it is more dramatic than Warner's conversational and personal approach
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