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Rick Mercer Rants

Rick’s style…

-blunt

-moving forward, constantly

-one continuous shot

-setting is always graffiti painted alley way

-Angered tone, however, he uses humour. Satire

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| Rant Title | “Escalators and Elevators” |
| Topic | the etiquette and manners behind using public “people movers” keeping in mind that others need to use them too…keep moving Etiquette of escalators and elevators |
| Rick’s Attitude Toward the Topic | Rick’s attitude is that people can be ignorant when it comes to the use of “people movers” |
| Summarize Rick’s Rant.  Provide specific details from the rant. | Rick finds that people in public places lack manners and etiquette when it comes to sharing public places. He uses hyperbole (over exaggeration) to rant about people not using these “people movers” in an appropriate and effective way. He uses the image of moving traffic and the rules of the road to illustrate his point that people need to be more considerate and aware. He argues that there is a proper and more considerate way of using these things |

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| Rant Title | “Pandas” |
| Topic | We (Canadians) have giant Pandas, we rent them! China owns all pandas. Are very expensive! |
| Rick’s Attitude Toward the Topic | On the surface he loves it! He is very excited about these Pandas. Valuable resources are spent, forgetting federal responsibilities!!!!  SARCASTIC!!! |
| Summarize Rick’s Rant.  Provide specific details from the rant. | Rick is expressing his excitement about the Pandas and tells the story of how Stephen Harper has okayed this rental and he himself has spent resources.  The pandas bring value in the form of research. However we are exhausting finances and other valuable resources. We are neglecting our responsibilities. His sarcastic tone underscores his true feeling that the pandas are fun but not a valuable investment overall. |

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| Rant Title | “Plastic Money” |
| Topic | The new money in Canada (bills) are made of plastic. |
| Rick’s Attitude Toward the Topic | “it’s stupid” |
| Summarize Rick’s Rant.  Provide specific details from the rant. | He starts by saying it is rude to talk about money and to say anything or anyone is stupid. But, the new plastic bills are stupid!  Rick starts to list the pros and cons.  (Pros) it is harder to counterfeit and lasts longer.  (Cons or disadvantages) Stick together, fly everywhere, and you cannot fold them.  He says that we are stuck with this new technology and he isn’t too thrilled. |

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| Rant Title | “Winter Drivers” |
| Topic | Preparedness and being aware for winter driving conditions |
| Rick’s Attitude Toward the Topic | He likes winter but is apprehensive about the drivers. People are not taking the new conditions into consideration. |
| Summarize Rick’s Rant.  Provide specific details from the rant. | That people who rely on all-season tires are foolish! There is no such thing as all-season tires in Canada |
| Rant Title | “Flu Shots” |
| Topic |  |
| Rick’s Attitude Toward the Topic |  |
| Summarize Rick’s Rant.  Provide specific details from the rant. |  |
| Rant Title | “Snow Days” |
| Topic | Parents are mad about and complaining about snow days, 1864 |
| Rick’s Attitude Toward the Topic | Rick is annoyed that parents are mad about snow days, instead he thinks the snow day should be celebrated! |
| Summarize Rick’s Rant.  Provide specific details from the rant. | Anger in our country  We get mad when people get away with things  Anger is stemming from snow days.  Snow days have always been around, 1864, get over yourselves parents!  The parent’s right to complain is based solely on their children’s performance…math test. Snow days as a rite of passage.  Best is when we can get away with something for nothing!!!  Snow days should be celebrated! |
| Rant Title | “Olympics” |
| Topic |  |
| Rick’s Attitude Toward the Topic |  |
| Summarize Rick’s Rant.  Provide specific details from the rant. |  |