



As you watch, think about these questions.

1. Why did Will, the main character, write this?
2. What kind of character is Will?
3. Was Will a good student?
4. What prompted Will to move to Bel-Air?
5. What is the difference between Will's situation in Philadelphia and in Bel-Air?
6. How did he feel about being sent to Bel-Air? Did it change?
7. What was his impression of the taxi he took to his Aunt & Uncle's house?
8. At the end of the song, how does his character feel about being in Bel-Air?
9. What do you think the show's plot centre around?

The case of lyrics vs. story

	Lyrics	Story
Visual differences		
Language		

Theme Song Lyrics

Now, this is a story all about how
My life got flipped-turned upside down
And I'd like to take a minute, just sit right there
I'll tell you how I became the prince of a town called
Bel-Air

In west Philadelphia born and raised
On the playground was where I spent most of my days
Chillin' out maxin' relaxin' all cool
And all shootin some b-ball outside of the school
When a couple of guys who were up to no good
Started making trouble in my neighborhood
I got in one little fight and my mom got scared
She said 'You're moving with your auntie and uncle in
Bel-Air'

I begged and pleaded with her day after day
But she packed my suit case and sent me on my way
She gave me a kiss and then she gave me my ticket.
I put my Walkman on and said, 'I might as well kick it'

First class, yo this is bad
Drinking orange juice out of a champagne glass.
Is this what the people of Bel-Air living like?
HMMMMM this might be alright.

I whistled for a cab and when it came near
The license plate said fresh and it had dice in the mirror
If anything I could say that this cab was rare
But I thought 'Nah, forget it - Yo, homes to Bel Air'

I pulled up to the house about 7 or 8
And I yelled to the cabbie 'Yo homes smell ya later'
I looked at my kingdom
I was finally there
To sit on my throne as the Prince of Bel-Air

Theme Song Story

This is a story all about how my life was flipped upside down. I'd like to tell you how I became the prince of a town called Bel-Air.

In west Philadelphia, I was born and raised. On the playground was where I spent most of my days, relaxing and playing some basketball outside of the school. One day, a couple of guys who were up to no good started making trouble in my neighbourhood. I got in one little fight and my mom became scared. She said, "You're moving with your auntie and uncle in Bel-Air."

I begged and pleaded with her day after day, but she packed my suit case and sent me on my way. She gave me a kiss and then she gave me my ticket. I put my Walkman on and said, "I might as well kick it."

On the airplane, I flew first class, which was great, drinking orange juice out of a champagne glass. I wondered, "Is this what the people of Bel-Air live like? This might be alright."

After I arrived at the airport, I whistled for a cab. When it came near, I saw the license plate was labelled "Fresh" and it had dice in the mirror. I thought that maybe this cab was special, but instead I decided maybe it wasn't for this area. I told the cab driver to take me home to Bel-Air.

We pulled up to my aunt and uncle's house at about 7 or 8 o'clock. I yelled to the cab driver, "Yo homes smell ya later." I looked at the house: my new kingdom. Finally I was there, to sit on my throne as the Prince of Bel-Air.

Theme Song Lyrics	Potential paraphrase	OK? No, why not?
<p>Now, this is a story all about how My life got flipped-turned upside down And I'd like to take a minute, just sit right there I'll tell you how I became the prince of a town called Bel-Air</p>	<p>Will's life suddenly changed one day. This is the story of how that happened and how he came to live in Bel-Air.</p>	<p>Yes.</p>
<p>In west Philadelphia born and raised On the playground was where I spent most of my days Chillin' out maxin' relaxin' all cool And all shootin some b-ball outside of the school</p>	<p>Will grew up in west Philadelphia, where he often played basketball.</p>	<p><i>No, it is missing the implication that he skipped classes to play basketball.</i></p>
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