

| 2.9 Personal Response

Title	Brain Jack
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| Introduction + Theme/Idea

[Brain Jack](#) is thought provoking take on digital warfare in set in dystopian version of the late 2010's. The story follows a teenager who hacks his way in too highly secure systems over the course of the book. Homeland security finally catches up with him landing himself in a youth detention center for his crimes. This story shows you the disconnect between his actions and the world around him. The reproductions of his action felt disconnected because he wasn't directly involved like a robbery.

| Quote 1

This quote showed me the weight of the story "He was actually just trying to score a new computer and some other cool stuff, and in any case the words "to its knees" were the New York Times' not his.". This quote shows me the impact he had on his surroundings. this shows the impact this had on others that he did not initially instantiate. For example if I were to do no work in a group project this would give me a free ride but the rest of the group would suffer. Holding them back and forcing them to pickup the slack therefore this allows me to relate to the situation.

| Quote 2

A big moment in the story was "At exactly 8.59 am, as Sam Wilson was walking through the main entrance to his school, nodding to the security guards-who ignored him - and smiling at their aggressive- looking guard dogs which snarled at him, a series of catastrophes was striking the largest telecommunications company in America: Telecomerica." This quote made me think of the systems i use. What would be the impact if a similar event happen you would be none the wiser of who did it. It could be your friend your neighbor. It demonstrates how faceless cyber crime can be. Sometimes I see a criminal hacker get arrested they look no different than any other computer geek. who in society we have assigned a stereotype of being harmless the truth is they are not.