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In the article, The Creativity Crisis, the authors express their concern over the lack of American Creativity growth. The authors introduce Professor E. Paul Torrance’s well-known series of creativity task taken by many students all over the world as a test of creativity and tell us about how students in America have failed to do well in this test since 1990 making the fact that students in America have started to lack creativity relevant. Further investigating this issue the writes state that the reason behind this has been because of children watching more television and playing video games. The authors also reveal how schools have adapted to more traditional way of teaching and have stopped promoting Creativity altogether.

Po Bronson and Ashley Merryman re-examine the definition of creativity by stating is divergent and convergent thinking working together to produce ideas of greatness and more than anything it begins at home and it’s nobody but parents who buy children games and other things that distracts them. We can’t expect the solution to just strike in the middle of nowhere. We need great teachers because that’s what will make great students. Students should be encouraged to question more because then they will be more interested in the classes they attend and will have more interest in what they are learning. It is necessary for the creativity in child to be nurtured right from the beginning and later practiced in their adulthood.