

P r o s a n d C o n s o f P r o m

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Now is the time of year when girls start shopping for their prom dresses, deciding what shoes, hairstyles, and ways to tan are best. Prom is great to some people and horrible to others; it depends on what you consider to be important. If you need some help to decide whether it is important or not to you, here are some good and bad things to help. Most people prefer to hear the bad news first, so I will start with the cons.

What is the most important item for prom? It is of course, a dress. Unfortunately, prom dresses are not cheap. A lot of girls

want to have pretty but unique dresses, and this usually means paying upwards of three hundred dollars. Along with this, you need shoes, a purse, a manicure, a pedicure, some method of tanning (if you want one, that is), and of course, a boutonniere for your date (also if you want one). Obviously money is not easy to spare, especially with the economy the way it is right now.

This money cramp also affects the guys. Besides their own tuxedo and accessories, most are expected to pay for the meal before prom and to get their date a corsage. Others still, have to pay for the special ride for the night. After getting to prom, the guys that could care less about prom either stand

around and talk to their friends or are forced to dance with their dates. Dances are always uncomfortable to people, whether they are boys or girls that either do not like to dance or would rather be doing something else.

Another problem that arises with this formal dance is that of finding somebody to go with. Teenagers find it necessary to search high and low to find a person that will go with them so that they do not feel like a left-out loser. Besides the obvious absence of intelligence in this belief, this idea causes so much havoc that people overstress themselves and lose sleep, which then affects everything that they do. This loss of sleep does not help them at all with school, nor does it help them

with their goals skin-wise. Breakouts can occur from too much stress, which is a prom nightmare, so keep calm.

Now that I have gone over the bad things dealing with prom, I think that it is time to move on to the pluses of prom. First of all, dressing up like a movie star or royalty is always nice. It is one night that you get to go hang out and chill with your pals while looking gorgeous. At prom, you get to hang out with people that you are not normally able to see. It also gives you a chance to get better acquainted with your date. Spending time to just talk to your pals is very limited towards the end of the school year, with graduation preparations and college plans staring you in the face, so prom is a fantastic time for seniors. The ones that do not want to leave high school see this as a month to have the time of their lives. For others with "senioritis," it signifies that leaving high

school is close, meaning freedom to go into the real world for them.

The meal before prom is typically a special occasion where couples get to eat at fine restaurants and enjoy rare delicacies. For some, taking hundreds of pictures with family and friends is both fun and makes them appreciate that they are going to a once or twice in a lifetime event. If you want to start a relationship with somebody, asking them to go to prom is a great way to break the ice and get to know them better. Similarly, people that love to dance have an opportunity to show off their skills and to just enjoy themselves.

This exclusive night lets you feel like a million bucks and look like one too, however you look at it. You might have your own pros and cons that were not mentioned, but I hope that these few concepts help you to pick whether or not you will really enjoy prom or not.

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