Roommate Scenario

Rob and Chris are sophomores who have roomed together for the last year, with very few apparent sources of conflict. However, things have been increasingly tense between the two roommates in recent days over seemingly mundane things. Rob has his girlfriend over for three or four days at a time, which annoys Chris because Chris is unable to get any sleeping or studying done in the room while the girlfriend is there.

Rob is also a slob, with clothes tossed all over the room in no particular order. This annoys Chris because he is a very neat, meticulous person. Chris, on the other hand likes to listen to heavy metal music at all hours of the day and night. This annoys Rob because he is into country music. Chris also often uses Rob's stereo equipment without taking proper care of it. Rob may be a slob with his clothes, but is very meticulous with his stereo.

With the beginning of midterms, the tension in the room has grown thicker. Rob is doing very well academically, even with his girlfriend over for so many days at a time, while Chris has been struggling. This also puts a strain on the relationship between the two roommates.