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Essay Rubric

	Thesis Statement	Introduction	Body Paragraph #1	Body Paragraph #2	Body Paragraph #3	Conclusion
Mastery with Distinction (4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thesis has an interesting, unique subject, proposal and significance. - Thesis is clear, articulate and concise - Thesis is distinguishable. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grabs the readers attention in a thoughtful way - Gives relevant background information concisely - Leads into the thesis with analytical statements about the text. - Outlines the reasons of the essay clearly and concisely 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opens with a clear reason that proves the thesis to be true - Leads into the quote with relevant background information - Has a well chosen quote that strongly supports the thesis - Quote is thoroughly analyzed. - Analysis clearly connects the ideas in the paragraph back to the thesis. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opens with a clear reason that proves the thesis to be true - Leads into the quote with relevant background information - Has a well chosen quote that strongly supports the thesis - Quote is thoroughly analyzed. - Analysis clearly connects the ideas in the paragraph back to the thesis. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opens with a clear reason that proves the thesis to be true - Leads into the quote with relevant background information - Has a well chosen quote that strongly supports the thesis - Quote is thoroughly analyzed. - Analysis clearly connects the ideas in the paragraph back to the thesis. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Has a transition phrase - Restates the the emphasizing importance o the proposal and significance (Answers the question, So wha - Clearly synthesizes the reasons by show how they are connected - Leaves the road thinking by mak a connection between the topic and society/world beyond the text
Mastery (3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thesis has a clear subject, proposal and significance. - The idea is clear, but the language is either inarticulate or too wordy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opens with a statement intended to grab the reader's attention - Gives some background information - Includes the thesis - Outlines the reasons of the essay 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opens with a reason that helps prove the thesis true - Has a quote that supports the thesis. - Quote is adequately analyzed. - Analysis basically connects the ideas in the paragraph back to the thesis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opens with a reason that helps prove the thesis true - Has a quote that supports the thesis. - Quote is adequately analyzed. - Analysis basically connects the ideas in the paragraph back to the thesis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opens with a reason that helps prove the thesis true - Has a quote that supports the thesis. - Quote is adequately analyzed. - Analysis basically connects the ideas in the paragraph back to the thesis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Has transitiona phrase - Restates the the in a new way - Attempts to synthesize the reasons that support the thesi without listing them - Attempts to leav the reader thinki by making a connection between the topic and society/world beyond the text

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Essay on IR Book: *I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings*

I know why the caged bird sings, an autobiography by Maya Angelou is the story of Maya and her brother Bailey who^{se} parents were not in their life when they were young. Through out the story Maya struggles in life and tries to find herself. Not having her parents in her life is how her life started to crumble. When they were young they lived with their grandmother and later as they grew up they actually saw their divorced parents. Maya thought good things were happening and nothing could go wrong but eventually she gets raped at the age of eight by her mother's boyfriend and moves back with her grandmother. The theme in the novel is that some kids can't find themselves because they are young and go through so much hell like Maya and it takes a long time to start finding themselves.

When Maya was young her parents were not in her life and moved with her grandmother but every kid should experience parents in their life. Every since Bailey and Maya moved to stamps, they never saw their parents. For some reason she is scared to see her mother because she said, "Were we going to see her? I was suddenly terrified" (58). This shows that their parents want nothing to do with them because if they did, the father would of never send his kids to live with his mother. Their parents did not have sympathy because when they send them away they wrote on their tags to whom it may concern and _____ proves that they are not responsible and do not value their children. It is to the point where Maya is asking questions such as, "Why did they send us away? And what did we

do so wrong? So wrong? Why, at three and four, did we have tags put on our arms to be sent by train alone?"(53). This shows that their parents were not in their lives because if they were, Bailey and Maya wouldn't be asking those questions. That also shows how parents need to be in their Childs life because it causes an impact of how they live and do what they do because of their parents not there for them. The only people there for her is Bailey, her grandmother (who she now calls momma), and Uncle Willie. If her parents were in her live, then Maya and Bailey probably would act differently from how they act now.

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Her mother's boyfriend raped Maya and that made her feel even more depressed because of what she thought people would think of her. When she was raped, "The act of rape on an eight year old body is a matter of the needle giving because the camel can't" (78). This shows that, that was one reason why she lost herself. She was young and did not even know what was going on. Mr. Freeman was a pathetic man because only sick people would rape young innocent children. She was a target, then a victim. After she was rape she started wondering what people would think of her and "Even Christ himself turned his back on Satan. Wouldn't he turn his back on me?"(86). She let Mr. Freeman touch her before but she was too young to know what he was doing. She hopes god does not turn his back on her because she let Mr. Freeman do it before. Also she doesn't want others to think of her as trying to be a woman, trying to act grown. The act of rape and parents not in her life made her lose herself completely because then her loyalty with Bailey was not loyal any more because if she told him, Mr. Freeman was going to kill him.

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Not having her parents had a major impact in her life because she had no role model and there wasn't anyone to teach her about things to do in life and things not to do. Now that Maya is getting older she has to learn from her mistakes that no one taught her. No one taught her about sex so she asked a good-looking boy "Would you like to have a sexual intercourse with me"(281). If their parents were in their life then maybe they would not be doing the things they do. No one was there to talk to her about sex and things she needed to know about it. Since Bailey was having sex, she thought she could too. Since no one talked to her about it, Three weeks later [she] found [herself] pregnant"(283). Having her baby boy at the age of sixteen is very young but then that was good because she started to find herself and become independent. She will become a better mother than hers.

In summation, Maya struggled in her life because she been through a lot with out her parents in her life. She has trouble finding herself but towards the end she starts finding herself little by little. She starts feeling guilty because she thinks she has done something wrong and that is why her parents are not there. Some times those people that been through hell are the ones who succeed and become a better person. It may take a lifetime for Maya to find herself but that day will come and when it comes she will find out who she really is. The caged bird sings because even though the bird is caged, one day that bird will be free and fly away and one day Maya will find herself. ✓

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"find" yourself...
you never really explained
that.