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***I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* Prewriting Sheet for
final main essay**

Adapted from

[Http://depts.gallaudet.edu/EnglishWorks/writing/fiveparagraph.html](http://depts.gallaudet.edu/EnglishWorks/writing/fiveparagraph.html)

- When writing examples have three or more **DISTINCT** examples for **EACH** and every paragraph. Do not just provide multiple passages on the same incident.
- **ALSO** make sure to **WRITE DOWN ALL THREE** examples **NOT** just the quotes.
 - **Reminder:** When you write your actual paper, you will need to introduce the quotes instead of just dropping them and you will need transitions between examples.

Essay Title: _____

I. **Introduction**

- A. **Introductory statement / GRAB ATTENTION – avoid a question. Use another form of catch attention.**

- B. **Thesis statement: (Be sure to provide a thorough overview. Lit and Comp must avoid a simple list. Weave your main points in a more sophisticated way. You may even need multiple sentences.)**

II. **Body**

- A. **First Supporting Idea (Topic Sentence):**

- B. Be sure to have at least three **DISTINCT** specific examples – two of which need to be **DIRECT** quotes. **Keep track of page numbers.** **You will need parenthetical citations for the quotes.**

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

- C. **Second Supporting Idea (Topic Sentence) Also create a transition here NOT at the end of the prior paragraph:**

Be sure to have at least three **distinct** specific examples - two of which need to be **DIRECT** quotes. **Keep track of page numbers.**

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

D. **Third Supporting Idea (Topic Sentence) Also create a transition here NOT at the end of the prior paragraph:**

Be sure to have at least three **DISTINCT** specific examples two of which need to be **DIRECT** quotes. **Keep track of page numbers.**

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

III. **Conclusion**

A. **Closing statement**

B. **Restate thesis:**

_____ **(Do NOT provide new info in the concl. and be sure to touch on your three main points. However, avoid a simple list weave the main points into the conclusion.) This is just a prewriting sheet. Check the project sheet for additional requirements and guidelines.**