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I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings

Textual Support – 18 pts Complete on a Separate Piece of Paper
Write in complete sentences. Type or write NEATLY

1. At first it is easy to be taken back by Maya’s uneasiness around whites. However, as you read more of her story, you begin to understand that her apprehension is based on several **bad experiences**. LIST all of the bad incidents where whites **DO OR SAY mean things to blacks (it could be to Maya, her family or any other black people)**. Write down what has occurred so far and continue to add to the list. Have four or more examples. Provide one or more sentences explaining what was going on in each example/quote. 12 points possible / 3 pts each

NOTE: There is a passage in chapter 8 where Maya talks about how whites were so prejudice that they didn't allow blacks to buy vanilla ice cream except on the 4th of July. That is a sarcastic remark and is not meant to be taken seriously. Therefore, do NOT use that as an example. Also do NOT put examples where Maya or others are just uneasy around whites. Provide examples that JUSTIFY her fear because they show WHITES ACTING poorly.

Lit. and Comp: Provide exact QUOTES with PARENTHETICAL citations with the author’s last name and page number in it. Be sure to put the period AFTER the (). Example: “Preach it” (Angelou 12). Note there is NO period before the citation.

2. When Maya was younger she was fearful of whites and made stereotypical remarks about them. Provide two or more specific examples. 6 pts / 3 pts each

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