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While in jail, Nate learns how to value women. Women are an obvious thing that he doesn’t have access to. By not having access to women, he realizes how important they are, and how much they are needed in life. For example, Nate has a lot of time on his hands to think about what’s going on around him. He thought more about women than I had in my entire life. I thought about all the hatred and abuse the fellas and I had heaped on women, and I promised God that if I ever got out of prison alive I’d never mistreat another woman as long as I lived. One of the things Nate has time to think about is women. While in jail, he learns how to look at women in a different light. When Nate doesn’t have access to women, he realizes that they are a privilege, and the way he treated women in the past wasn’t right. Nate also realizes, Before prison, I’d been aware, but not really conscious, that there was a vast psychic difference between men and women. And I’d never really considered what women added to the world.
Nate also sees the real difference between men and women. He notices that women contribute a lot to our world, and the world wouldn't be complete without them. Nate's being in jail gives him a whole new perspective on women. He doesn't see women as a piece of meat as he did when he was younger. He now realizes that women are a privilege. He not only learns how to value women, but it helps him learn how to value his life.

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Inmates lived in two types of buildings. There were three C buildings, which had cells, and two R buildings which had rooms. (171) Here Nate is explaining the living situation in his jail. When he first got there you were placed in a regular cell. But as your behavior got better, you were moved up to a better cell. Until you got to have your own room with a door, lock, and key. This system they had shows how you can gain more freedom while you're in jail. This showed Nate how to value his freedom, which added to him valuing his life.
Before Nate went to jail, respect was a important thing around where he lived. People would get killed if they felt someone was disrespecting them, or not giving them the amount of respect that they deserve. But when he went to jail, that value was taken away from him. Nate is reminiscing about a time when, tell us about niggers and flies Heavy Heavy then recited niggers and flies I despise. The more I see niggers, the more I see flies\(\chi\)  (176) Heavy is a big prisoner that works out in the fields with Nate during the day. As Heavy is reciting this riddle that is degrading his fellow black people, the prison guards just stand there and laugh at him. Since he is an inmate, he can t do anything about someone disrespecting him. Neither can Nate when he sees this happening. Nate also explains One day the farm work got to me so much that I ain t doin this shit! Slavery is over! (176) Instead of Nate seeing someone else being disrespected, he witnesses it first hand. He s doing his share of farm work when he is forced to pick up two 100lb bags by himself. He is being forced to do this just because he is an inmate. They don t care that he is an actual man with feelings. They just want the work done. By Nate watching someone being disrespected, and feeling the disrespect, he learns to value the privilege of respect. By learning to value respect, he learns how many aspects of his life can and will be taken away from you. He is learning how to value his life as well.

Nathan doesn t learn how to value life, until he learns how quickly it can be taken away from him. This becomes the most significant part of the book, and his life. For example he learns how to value respect. In the black community, respect is a big issue and expectation. A lot of conflicts start because people feel disrespected in some type of way. But when you go to a place where you don t get the respect you deserve, you see how much respect can affect your life. Although respect may not seem like a big thing in
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Humanities

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Introduction to Your Analytic Paper

Your introduction to your analytic paper can and should be short and sweet. Don’t try to get too fancy in your opening paragraph, since I will grade you based almost entirely on the quality of your body paragraphs and the analysis you include there.

However, in order to tie these examples together, you must include an introductory paragraph that includes the following:

- Title of book
- Author
- A brief summary of the plot
- Your thesis statement

Example:

_Bless Me Ultima_, a novel by Rodolfo Anaya, is the story of a young boy named Tony who is struggling with his identity and the pull of his parents’ different cultures. He must also come to terms in the novel with his own spirituality. Throughout the novel, Anaya uses imagery and details in Tony’s dreams to develop this conflict between his mother’s Christian world and the pagan world of his father.

Example:

_The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn_, by Mark Twain, is the story of a young boy named Huck and Jim, a runaway slave, who travel together on the Mississippi River. While Jim is trying to escape an owner who had threatened to sell him “down the river,” Huck is trying to leave an oppressive social structure that he feels is trying to “sivilize” him. While the plot is a simple tale of Huck and Jim’s adventures as they float down the river, Twain uses the novel to criticize Southern society. Throughout the novel, Huck’s encounters with characters on shore demonstrate the difference between appearance and reality in Southern society.
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Writing an Analytic Body Paragraph

Thesis: What's the argument you are making? (should have a subject, proposal, significance)

Date being in jail is a significant part in his life because it teaches him how to value life. To all he is realizing how quickly his life can be taken away from him.

Reason (topic sentence): While in jail, Nate learns how to value women. Women is an obvious thing that he doesn't have access to. He then realizes how important women are and how much they are needed in evidence (how can you support this reason with material from the text)!

Concrete Detail #1
For example, Nate has a lot of time on his hands to think about what's going on around him. Quote: pg. 201

Commentary (your observation / interpretation of that detail—in other words, what does it demonstrate?)
This shows that one of the things Nate has time to think about is women. While in jail, he learns to look at women in a different light. When Nate doesn't have access to women, he realizes that they are a privilege, and the way he treated them in the past wasn't right.

Concrete Detail #2
In addition, Nate also realizes... Quote pg. 200

Commentary on detail #2
This shows that Nate really does see the difference between men and women. He notices that women contribute a lot to our world today, and the world wouldn't be complete without them.
Sentence (sums up what you are asserting in this paragraph)

Write's being in jail changes his whole view of women. He doesn't see women as a piece meat, as he did when he was younger. He now realizes what women are a privilege and he learns how to value women, but also life.
Revision Checklist

- Introduction
  - Tells the title and author in the first sentence
  - Gives short summary of the novel
  - Thesis is the last sentence of the paragraph
  - Thesis has subject, proposal, significance

- Body Paragraph 1
  - Topic sentence with a REASON why the thesis is true
  - Topic sentence is an argument, not a fact
  - Has 2 quotes
  - Has explanation of both quotes
  - Tie-back sentence explains how the quotes tie-back to the thesis

- Body Paragraph 2
  - Topic sentence with a REASON why the thesis is true
  - Topic sentence is an argument, not a fact
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- Body Paragraph 3
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  - Has 2 quotes
  - Has explanation of both quotes
  - Tie-back sentence explains how the quotes tie-back to the thesis

- Conclusion
  - Restates thesis in a new way
  - Synthesizes (brings together) all the ideas/arguments in your body paragraphs
  - Ends with a deeper insight, a question to ponder, or a deeper theme/message/purpose to make the reader care about just having read this paper
Reflection:
1. What is this writer's biggest strength? In other words, what does this writer do really well?

2. What part of the essay structure (so not grammar) does this writer need to devote more attention to?

Action Plan: What to Fix
(Give this writer 3 specific skills to fix this weekend. "Grammar" isn't specific enough. "Spelling" or "Tie-back sentences" or "Expanding your conclusion" IS specific enough.)

1.

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Any additional comments?
Planning for Your Little Bundle of Joy
(otherwise known as an analytic essay)

Name: 

Book: Makes Me Wanna Holler

Thesis statement:
Nate being in jail is a significant part in his life, because it teaches him how to value life. In jail, he is realizing how quickly his life can be taken away from him.

Open paper with a discussion of: (Topic sentence #1) - Learns to value women while in jail. Nate learns how to value women while in jail. Women is an obvious thing that they don't have access to. He then realizes how important women are in life, and how different they are than men.

Then move to a discussion of: (Topic sentence #2) - Learns to value freedom. It is obvious that he learns how to value freedom while he is in prison. He is cooped up for most of his time and has to ask permission for everything he does.

Build up to a discussion of: (remember, this should be the section of your paper with the most convincing, or strongest, evidence) (Topic sentence #3) - Value respect. Before Nate went to jail, respect was an important thing in the place where he lived. People would get killed if they felt someone was disrespecting them. But when he went to jail, all that was taken away from him.

Conclude with this thought:
In the book, Make Me Wanna Holler by Nathan McCall...
Quotes to use in my first body paragraph:

Quote #1
I thought more about women than I had in my entire life. I'd think about all the hatred and abuse the folks and I'd be stung, I'd nag on women, and I'd promise to never let them go. From that, I never got out of it.

Quote #2
And I never really considered what women added to the world. Then, I realized that if I could be any indication of a world without women, would it be crazy...

What part of my argument the quote supports:

Both of these quotes show how women are often taken away from you when you go to prison. This teaches him how to value life.

Quotes to use in my second body paragraph:

Quote #1
Then he called me over and said, "Tell us about niggers and flies, heavy," he said, a smile on his face. He recited niggers and flies, I despised.

Quote #2
The day we farmers got to he so much that...

What part of my argument the quote supports:

Both these quotes symbolize how easy it is for prison guards to take your pride and make you respect away from you.

Quotes to use in my third body paragraph:

Quote #1
My number was 10 63 86. That number became more important to me than my name. It was used to identify my mail. Guards addressed me by it.

Quote #2
Inmates incarcerated in cells were locked in their cells...

What part of my argument the quote supports:

In this quote, Natha went from being free and able to do whatever he wants to being identified as a number as he went up in the prison system. He gained more freedom from cl to AV.
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Redirect your readers. Give the reader something to think about like: Make a connection between your topic and its relevance to the society and/or the world. (Strategies: challenge the reader, looking to the future, posing questions)

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