

Read the directions!

### SAMPLE REGENTS PARAGRAPHS

#26 - One theme, both passages

Be sure to write about the topic provided

Topic Provided: *The need to escape*

use "that" not "of"

In both the poem, "Breaking Free," and the excerpt from One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, it is proven that the need to escape can be a compelling force that inspires people to break free. In the poem, the speaker expresses her desire to break

make sure topic sentence states theme about the topic provided.

Weave in evidence vs. quote bombs

out of "these chains" and "be totally me." She feels trapped in her current situation, yet she is inspired to believe that someday she will "try and overcome all my fears" so that "one day, I will be a flower in full bloom, and that 'one day' may come very soon." Her need to escape drives her to strive for more and gives her hope that she will be able to

include more than 1 piece of direct evidence  
explain the ideas in the lines.

transition into next piece

someday be free. The narrator in the second passage also desires escape and this desire empowers him to do what was once impossible. Whereas before he couldn't move the

introduce idea

control panel, his desire to be free has made him strong enough to rip it out. He states, "I heaved again and heard the wires and connections tearing out of the floor...I put my

The narrator "states" or "says" - the author "writes"

like a few examples from each work.

back toward the screen, then spun and let the momentum carry the panel through the screen and window with a ripping crash." His need to break out of the ward makes him strong enough to move the heavy panel so that he can experience what it is like to

be "flying. Free." The speaker describes how he "ran for miles before I stopped and walked up the embankment onto the highway." This shows that he is so empowered

Clincher: Rephrase the theme

and inspired by his freedom that he fully embraces it. Both pieces demonstrate that the desire to escape makes one powerful and inspired.

\* Present tense \*

#### INGREDIENTS:

1. Topic Sentence which states the theme about the topic provided:
  - a. Universal statement/universal truth
  - \* \* b. Forms a complete thought (states what the author says ABOUT the topic provided) - write "...the theme that" NOT "the theme of"
2. Ideas and evidence from each passage
3. Clincher - rephrases the theme established in the topic sentence

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