

#26 - 2 pieces, 1 theme - Period 5- 2014

Topic Sentence: In the excerpt from The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls and the poem, "Saturday at the Canal," both authors prove that the desire to escape is a powerful motivator during a person's coming of age. **Idea 1:** In the excerpt, Jeannette Walls emphatically declares that she's going to leave no matter what it takes saying, **Cite 1:** She says she is "getting on the next bus out of here. If the buses stop running, I'll hitchhike. I'll walk if I have to. Go ahead and build the Glass Castle, but don't do it for me." **Explain 1:** This illustrates her determination to leave and escape the poverty no matter what obstacles stand in her way. **Idea 2:** The speaker does not care what it will take to leave, and he/she is driven to get out of what seems like a dull, small town. **Cite 2:** The speaker vows to leave, "By bus or car, By the sway of train over a long bridge, We wanted to get out." **Expand:** His determination to escape by any means possible reflects the desperation that can surround one's desire to escape. **Clincher:** Both pieces prove that the desire to escape during adolescence is compelling and can lead to a feeling of hopelessness if escape is not achieved.