

## 00Model Paragraphs

### In the introduction:

Author and title

Theme

How the character changes

Overview sentence

In Toni Cade Bambara's story "Raymond's Run," Squeaky learns the importance of compassion. She grows from an arrogant athlete who doesn't realize the talents of others to a respectful girl who is willing to sacrifice everything for her brother. She changes so drastically after almost losing a race for the first time.

### For every body paragraph:

- a. Topic sentence
- b. Context
- c. Quotation
- d. Analysis

In the beginning of the story, Squeaky is incredibly cocky. She constantly brags telling everyone, "I win because I'm the best." Squeaky's arrogance clouds all other thoughts from her mind; she never even stops to think that someone else might actually be competitive. This conceit, however, reveals an internal weakness. Why does Squeaky brag all the time? She's insecure. Having no friends, Squeaky feels the obligation to show off in order to hide the fact of her own deficiency.