HOW TO CONNECT TO ONE OF THE READINGS

Sample Student Essay Excerpt #1

From that day forward, everyday during my lunch period and a few days a week after school, I was in the tech office. 1. [SIGNAL PHRASE] I felt like Malcolm X 2. [EXPLAIN THE SITUATION] when he discovered books and reading while serving time in prison.  3. [COPY THE QUOTE] He wrote: “Anyone who had read a great deal can imagine the new world that opened.  Let me tell you something: From then until I left that prison, in every free moment I had, if I was not reading in the library, I was reading on my bunk.”  4.[ EXPLAIN THE CONNECTION/SIMILARITY.] For him it was books; for me it was tech.  I learned to uninstall computer parts, install new ones, how to troubleshoot and how computer parts communicated with each other. At the end of the school year, Andrew offered me a job over the summer working in the tech department. I was delighted. I accepted and counted the days until the work started.

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