

SUMMARIZING UNDERSTANDING

o One Idea this book/poem suggests is _____.

An example that shows this is _____ because _____.

Another example is _____ because _____.

This makes me think that in life _____.

o I used to think this book/poem was about _____ because _____.

Now I think this book/poem is about _____ because _____.

This makes me realize that in life _____.

o These two texts are alike because they teach _____.

In the first text _____.

In the second text _____.

This makes me realize _____.

I KNOW WHY THE CAGED BIRD SINGS

The
free bird leaps on the back
of the wind and floats downstream till
the current ends and dips his wings in the
orange sun rays and dares to claim the sky. But
a bird that stalks down his narrow cage
can seldom see through his bars of rage his
wings are clipped and his feet are tied so he
opens his throat to sing. The caged bird sings
with fearful trill of the things unknown but longed
for still and his tune is heard on the distant hill for
the caged bird sings of freedom. The free bird thinks
of another breeze an the trade winds soft
through the sighing trees and the fat worms eaiting on
a dawn-bright lawn and he names the sky his own. But a
caged bird stands on the grave of dreams his
shadow shouts on a nightmare scream his wings are
clipped and his feet are tied so he opens his
throat to sing. The caged bird sings with a fearful trill
of things unknown but longed for still and his
tune his heard on the distant hill for the caged
bird sings of freedom.

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