literary essay #1
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In this story Fly away home by Eve Bunting. Andrew learns that there are always bad times and good times in life and you just have to fight threw it. We can tell andrew is a hard worker because he works for his money and he works as hard as he can to help his dad and he barely eats to save more money. He lives in a airport and him and his dad are trying to get as much money as they can for a apartment. He gets luggage carts for 50 cents and that is about it. Andrew just wants a normal life like how other people have it.

My first reason is that andrew works hard to get money. Like he gets luggage carts for fifty cents. He loves to help his dad like the author stated when andrew had money in his shoe from his saving the dad is like “Atta boy”. And above all he works that hardiest to get money for his dad.

My second reason is that he helps his dad to get money. I can tell that andrew is the motivator because in the story it is like “Come On dad you can do it”. I can tell that he helps his dad get as much money as he can. I can see that andrew is motivated with his dad and if his dad gets money than he will get money.

My last reason is that he is a hard worker because he does not eat anything because he wants to save money for his dad to get the apartment. While I was reading I came over the text that he only eats milk and a doughnut and that is barely any food to fill his body. Or sometimes his dad only gets him a carton of juice sometime.

As I finish the book i really feel bad for andrew because he has no money and he is not even going to get a job because he doesn’t even go to school. So his life is going to be ruined because he is not going to have any money. I hope you agreed that he is a hard worker because he works for his money and he works as hard as he can to help his dad and he barely eats to save more money for his apartment.

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Sometimes from reading stories we learn that people always have good times, and bad times and you just have to fight through it. Like he does not have money, he does not have a house and the good thing is that he actually works to get money like he brings back luggage carts for 50 cents.

My first reason is that Andrew works hard to get money. Like he gets luggage carts for fifty cents. He loves to help his dad like the author stated, when Andrew had money in his shoe for his dad he was like “Atta boy”. He says that “Some times when the crowds are big, he offers to carry bags.”

Secondly is that Andrew sometimes has bad times like he is going through a hard time right now because he does not have a house to live in. And is really poor. In the airport Andrew just has to try to hide from the security guards, and his dad is not teaching his kid good things. He hates when he sees people say “Let’s get home” and he just wants to run at them and say “What makes you so special, why do you have homes and we don’t.”

My final reason is that he is going through a hard time. He does not have a lot of money. He only gets a carton of milk for breakfast, and for dinner he has to have cereal. He has no one to hang out with, and he just wants a normal life.” So he has to keep his head high, keep his chin up, and most importantly, keep smiling.”

In “Fly Away Home,” we watch Andrew have good times and bad times and he just has to fight through it. For example he lives in an airport and if he makes one wrong move he will get caught by the security guards and now live on the streets. He does not have a lot of money so

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if they get caught they will have nowhere to sleep or eat anywhere. Andrew just wants to have a normal life just like other people have it, and not live in a old down airport.

Compare and contrast draft
Zachs lie, The One and only Ivan
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Literary essay #3

It might seem that one and only ivan and zach's lie are very different stories. But if you look a little closer the theme is very alike. In both stories the author is trying to teach us that sometimes you have to fight through it when you are in a rough time in life.

In the “one and only ivan”, it shows that it takes a lot of heart to fight through it, and just keep pushing. In the beginning ivan a silverback gorilla is trapped in a mall, and in a cage. This girl named julia gives peices of papers and paint for ivan to color or paint and that is his only time to bring out his feelings for others. In the middle of the story a gorilla name ruby comes in the mall an it is strapped in a cage just like ivan. Ivan knows he has to protect ruby and keep him like he is his family member to him. The lesson is clear you have to fight through it and just keep pushing and their will always be a light at the end of the tunnel.

In "zach’s lie", the author also shows us that sometimes you have change your plan to succeed. In the begging of the story is dad goes to jail for stealing money. So zach and his family has to go to another state to be free of his dad. In the middle of the story zach meets this boy named jack. They hang out with each other but zach has to protect his identity of his self. He has to team up with is family trying not to get caught by the police. The lesson is stated that sometimes you have to change your approach to make everyone happy.

Both of these stories teach us that everything is not perfect so you just have to fight through it. The “one and only ivan”, is a gorilla trying to protect his friends. "Zach's lie", a kid trying to protect his family and trying to have a normal life. The lesson is that sometimes life isn't fair but you just have to fight through it. This is a lesson we could all learn and try.

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In *papa's parrot* By: Cynthia Rylant the theme is pretty clear. Harry takes his friends over family. Like he does not go to the candy shop. He doesn't spend time with his family and he thinks that the parrot is dumb and stupid. Harry knows that he has to spend time with his dad or they will lose their friendship.

My first reason is that the author stated that whenever Harry walks by with his friend he always looks at the candy shop they think to themselves who would go to a candy shop. For example when Mr. Tillman sees the kids he always flashbacks in his mind, and thinks of the times Harry and his friends always went to the shop and bought goodies.

My second reason is that when Harry always hangs out with his friend he spends very or no time with his family. The author included that Harry has grown up too fast and Mr. Tillman is not ready for it. However Harry should still see his dad and once in a while just buy a little penny from his dad's candy shop.

My third reason is that when Harry doesn't see Mr. Tillman any more Mr. Tillman has no friends to hang out with instead he has to get a parriott. One the other hand Harry really thinks that the
parrot his dumb and it is kind of sad that mr tillman has his parriott and harry is kind of falling out of mr tillman's hands. But still in his heart they are always gone to be tight.

As i finish the book i can tell at that harry's heart really tells him that he has choose his grandpa before anything. Harry and mr tillman will always be close even the little things friends break them apart.

Chipped Tooth
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Narrative #1

“Wow” brock sais looking at the big wave coming toward me. My grandpa yells back ”I am going to speed up now. I said to brock”we are going to have to hold on”. Then right when I say it I flew right off my tube. I yelled to my grandpa “we are off”. My grandpa turns around and comes picks me up and broke up. We got on the boat and I said “That was sweet”. My grandpa got the tube off of the water, and put it on the back of the tube. Brock told me “That was the best.” We drove back to the house where I was drenched with water.

We got all the food and stuff off the boat and dried out the towels. We got back and started cooking. My grandpa got the hot dogs and the hamburgers. My mom and my grandma were working on the cheese potatoes. While my family was cooking me, Brock and aidan [My brother] was going to play soccer. The teams were me and brock vs my brother. We dominated the game and won. We ate dinner and it was delicious. My favorite was the cheese potatoes.

While we were done I asked my grandpa if we could go in the hot tube. Me and my brother took the cover off the hot tube. My mind drifted back to the cold winter when I ran gently on the softly white snow to the hot tub. I stomped on the creaky steps. Then splash I go right in the hot tube. I feel the snow storming at me I think. I gently slipped in the blazing hot water. A couple minutes later we got used to it, and was bored. We were thinking what we could do and we thought of a tag game. So we started playing it and brock was it. I could see the two gently blue eyes gliding their the water. I stepped back then I slipped ban. I told myself “That was not a good sound. I felt my tooth because my tooth was throbbing. I took my hand and gently pressed it against my tooth. It was chipped.”

I ran inside and said to my mom” My tooth is chipped”. She said “What happened”. I said “We were playing a game and then I slipt”. I walked back outside and my brother and brock were cracking up. I said “Stop, It is not funny”. I got back in the hot tub trying to find my chipped tooth. I looked for it about 10 minutes and I never found it. We got out of the hot tub and got some dessert. That was delicious too. We said “Goodbye”. We hopped in the car and I dropped broke off at his house. I told my mom “That was a blast”.

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District Finals
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“Wow.” My friend says on are way to the district final in grand rapids. Against the michigan nationals are rivals for a long time. We just eat at buffalo wild wings. We got to the big ice rink where the michigan nationals come and try to beat us. Me and my friend joey drop of are bags and play catch with a football where my rest of my team is. We play a little quick game and then do warm ups. We do a lap around the ice rink and then we do stretches. We get into the locker room and start getting dressed. My brain moves to last year were we lost in the district finals to the same team and by only one goal. Were we lost in the final 30 seconds when they scored. We get pumped up and play a little pass with the hockey ball. We got to the locker room and the coach gave us a harsh talk about the game. We grabbed our sticks and jumped on the ice. I could hear are fans chanting “Let's go chelsea lets go”. We had a quick 5 minute warm up. The horn wrong. We threw the pucks up to the coach and did a very quick lap and did a chant in front off the net.

Me and cade mccrater started with caden, tyler and joey. The referee dropped the puck and that was the start of the game. We had a shot and then we dumped and changed we had another couple shoots. The last 5 minutes they had a 2 on 1 and they shot but we saved and gave a rebound up but it was a scramble. The michigan national guy jumped on the puck and hand passed in the goal. The ref singled a goal. That was the end of the 1 period. We started the 2 period and we started off strong with a pass to caden and scored we celebrated and got right to the face off. It was 1-1 in the middle of the 2 period. I jumped on the ice on a dump in my the forward. The forwards raced to the puck and got and passed back to the defensman for a d to d pass. My partner shot and it was gonna hit the goalie right in the beads. But one of the forwards tipped it and it went under the big goalie glove. GOAL. We raced back to the face off then the horn. It was the end of the second period and it was 2-1 Chelsea Chiefs gold.

It was the start of the third period. I saw the puck drop and the centers were battling the caden comes out with it and passes it back to the. The defenseman passed it up to the forward put the michigan nationals guy picked it off and went around are defenseman and scored toshelf. The coaches screamed at the players and even benched this one kid. We got back on the ice and had a good shift we got a couple shots on goal. There was minute left and they were crowding are zone a guy was was in front off the goalie and was screening him so I pushed out. The Puck went back to the defenseman and shot. Are goalie save the first shot and gave up a big rebound. It was a big scramble infront of net. Then the michigan national guy jumped and hand passed it in. The referee signaled a goal. We screamed at the referee. The coaches were screaming too. I went up to the referee and told him "it was a hand pass." That is how the game ended.

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The end of the score was 3-2 Michigan Nationals. We got undressed and flew straight home. I felt like I just wanted to curl up in a ball and cry.

Broken Leg

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It is a beautiful day outside in Bellaire Michigan for snowboarding. I always wanted to go on this one run called mellow yellow. I always couldn’t because the lift always close at 4pm but on this day I could. I hitched up my snowboard and snowboarded down the hill with my friends. I said to my brother "Today is a beautiful day outside to do some tricks and go on some black diamonds." My brother says back "You are right about that". We go to the black diamond that I have always wanted to go because of a bunch trees are their and I love to go on a hill with a bunch of trees. I un hitch my snowboard and gently push my self on the lift with Braden, Zane, Ty and my self. I hear a shrek as we slammed are self of the lift. We hitched up are snowboards. I could gently feel the cold snow hit my smooth skin. I got back up and pushed my self down the hill. I was swerving down the hill trying to catch up with my friends, missing the big humongous trees in our way. I see a guy come out of know where. I told myself I cant miss the tree and the kid. So I decided to miss the kid and hit the tree. That might of not been the best idea of my life, a second letter I hear a crack.

I hit the tree. It felt like you could hear the crack from mours. My leg is throbbing my friend went and got the first aid team. I called my mom I said "I think I broke my leg, I can’t stand up on it.” The first aid got there at the same time. My mom said "Everything will be okay" The first aid carried me on the sled and road me up to the first aid house.

They carried me inside and put a big hot blanket over me because I was freezing. They lifted my leg up and it hurt but I did not say anything. They said it was a bruized but I doubted that. My grandpa and grandma came and picked up and dropped me off at the condo. I layed on the luggage cart to get to my room. I sat down on the couch and watched the michigan state basketball game. A couple minutes later my mom told me to try to stand on it, but I couldn’t. My mom took me straight the the mancelona urgent care. I got their and my mom checked in and I sat in my wheel waiting to get me in. A couple minutes later they got me to a room and they carried me on the table. They took a x-ray and my mom and dad got to go look at it first. They came back in and they said “it is broken. I drove off in pain.”

The next day I drove down to Michigan motts hospital and went straight to the emergency door. The doctors came out and put me on a stretcher and rushed me to the room were all the doctors were. I had another fast x-ray. The doctor told me that we could do the surgery tonight or tomorrow morning. We chose tonight so they took me up to the surgery place. I gently felt my mom and dads hand slip away while we went in the surgery room. Then they gently pushed the mask over my face I breathed once then twice then silence.

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Once upon I lived in Florida and I woke up. I looked outside and it was as sunny as a light bulb. I told myself "This is going to be a beautiful day." I looked in the mirror and it was the same as myself. I walked down stairs and I said "Hi." They said back "Where are you." I said "Right in front of you." I waved my hands right in front of them and they still could not see. I was wondering if they needed glasses or something. I walked back upstairs in my pajamas and then got dressed and was getting ready to go to school. I went back downstairs and ate some cereal. I ran on the bus and sat by my self. A person said "Where is the kid just keep driving." But I was already on the bus? I got to school and hopped off the bus. I ran to my locker and pumped some kids on our way and they were not happy.

I got my stuff ready for writing and sat at my seat. I heard the bell ring and I thought to myself "Thank gosh I made it." They did a quick sentence and they said my name "Keegan Bunting." I said "Here." The teacher was looking everywhere for me so she did not see me so she marked my absence. I went to my second hour and they did the same thing. I went to my lunch and sat by my self. I was so lonely today I thought to myself. The lunch went by fast. I went to choir and I sang but no one noticed me now one talked to me. That was the borniest class yet. I went to social studies next and they went for recess for social studies. I played basketball with my friends and I yelled for the ball but they never passed the ball. I walked home with no one. I thought to myself nobody likes me.

I got home and I went straight to my room but on the way home I had five voicemails. They were all from school. I looked at my grades up in my room and I had 5 absences. They were all from today. I called my mom to get straight home and said "We need to talk." A couple minutes later my mom and dad got home and said "Where are you are you up in your room." I said back "Right in front of you." They said that we need to go the doctors so that would be fine with me because I have 5 absences and all from today. I was at school for all the classes.

We got to the doctors and my mom did all the paperwork forms. We got to the doctors and did the weight and the height but they were all zero. I got to the room and they said that the doctor will be right there. I waited a couple minutes and the doctor was there. They didn't know I was there. They heard but could not see me. The doctor did some test and said I am invisible...

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