

## Analysis Organizer "Still I Rise"

Directions: Participate in a class discussion as your teacher walks through this model of a language analysis. Afterwards, apply what you have learned from this model to analyze the title of Maya Angelou's poem "Still I Rise."

Title: <i>Bookin': A Life of Letters and Adolescents</i>		
Category	Definition	Examples
Meaning	The multiple denotations and connotations of words in order to create resonance as well as specificity; <i>the dictionary definitions of words as well as their emotional effect</i>	<b>Bookin'</b> : related to books; slang for hurry, rush; colloquial <b>A</b> : singular, not specific or definite <b>Life</b> : vitality, a span of years, a type of <b>of</b> : existence associated with, coming from, having, concerning, possessing <b>Letters</b> : symbols, literature, written communication <b>and</b> : plus, in addition to, more, as well as <b>Adolescents</b> : teenagers, high school students, kids, reckless, refreshing, emerging
Position	The place of words within a structure and the consequences of that placement on meaning as a whole; <i>where words are in a sentence and therefore what they mean</i>	<b>Bookin'</b> : initial position, before the semicolon, initial emphasis <b>A</b> : leads off elaboration after semicolon <b>Life</b> : after A, initial term in elaboration <b>of</b> : precedes <i>Letters &amp; Adolescents</i> ; defines <i>Life</i> <b>Letters</b> : follows preposition, final part of elaboration, precedes <i>Adolescents</i> <b>and</b> : between <i>Life</i> and <i>Letters</i> <b>Adolescents</b> : <b>at the end; final position in elaboration</b>
Form	The composition of words, including roots and affixes as well as tense, number, and degree; <i>how words are made and what their parts mean</i>	<b>Bookin'</b> : -ing suffix truncated by apostrophe, verbal form <b>A</b> : ----- <b>Life</b> : singular <b>of</b> : ----- <b>Letters</b> : plural ---- <b>and</b> : <b>Adolescents</b> : plural; structure similar to words like <i>pubescent</i> , which indicate a condition
Function	The use of words within a context to influence meaning; the application of grammar; <i>what words do in a sentence</i>	<b>Bookin'</b> : establishes focus, tone; subject of the title <b>A</b> : modifies a singular noun; establishes singleness and a lack of specificity <b>Life</b> : singular, common noun <b>of</b> : preposition, shows relationships; connects <b>Letters</b> : plural, common noun; object of preposition <b>and</b> : coordinating conjunction; joins ideas of equal weight <b>Adolescents</b> : plural, common noun; object of preposition

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Now, apply what you have learned to analyze the title of your autobiography.

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