**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: *Bookin*: A Life of Letters and Adolescents

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| **Meaning**  | The multiple denotations and connotations of words in order to create resonance as well as specificity; *the dictionary definitions of words as well as their emotional effect* | *Bookin*: related to books; slang for hurry, rush; colloquial  
*A*: singular, not specific or definite  
*Life*: vitality, a span of years, a type of  
of: existence associated with, coming from, having, concerning, possessing  
*Letters*: symbols, literature, written communication  
*and*: plus, in addition to, more, as well as  
*Adolescents*: 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; *where words are in a sentence and therefore what they mean* | *Bookin*: initial position, before the semicolon, initial emphasis  
*A*: leads off elaboration after semicolon  
*Life*: after *A*, initial term in elaboration  
of: precedes *Letters & Adolescents*; defines *Life*  
*Letters*: follows preposition, final part of elaboration, precedes *Adolescents*  
*and*: between *Life* and *Letters*  
*Adolescents*: *at the end; final position in elaboration* |
| **Form**     | The composition of words, including roots and affixes as well as tense, number, and degree; *how words are made and what their parts mean* | *Bookin*: -ing suffix truncated by apostrophe, verbal form  
*A*: - - - - -  
*Life*: singular  
of: - - - - -  
*Letters*: plural - - - -  
*and*:  
*Adolescents*: plural; structure similar to words like *pubescent*, which indicate a condition |
| **Function** | The use of words within a context to influence meaning; *the application of grammar; what words do in a sentence* | *Bookin*: establishes focus, tone; subject of the title  
*A*: modifies a singular noun; establishes singleness and a lack of specificity  
*Life*: singular, common noun  
of: preposition, shows relationships; connects  
*Letters*: plural, common noun; object of preposition  
*and*: coordinating conjunction; joins ideas of equal weight  
*Adolescents*: plural, common noun; object of preposition |
Now, apply what you have learned to analyze the title of your autobiography.

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