**Text Analysis: “Caged Bird,” by Maya Angelou**

**Revision Checklist**

1. Is the title of the poem capitalized and in quotation makrs?
2. Are the title and author identified *in the first paragraph* (not just in the title of your response)?
3. After introducing the author, do you use *only her last name* in the rest of the response?
4. Did you write **more** about the **poem** than about the author’s biography?
5. Did you focus on **one** literary technique, rather than listing examples of every one in the poem? (Brief mention of others is allowed.)
6. Did you include quotes from the poem, in quotation marks?
7. Did you *explain* the meaning of each quote *and* how it relates to the central idea?
8. Did you avoid repetition? Ask yourself, “Did I already write this idea in a previous sentence?”