

## BELLRINGER BOMBS

**YOU HAVE ONLY SEVEN MINUTES TO WRITE TWO PARAGRAPHS ON THE FOLLOWING TOPIC ONCE THE BELL RINGS** [This will be collected after 7 minutes]

**James Baldwin writes, “The purpose of education finally is to create in a person the ability to look at the world for himself, to make his own decisions, to say to himself this black or this is white, to decide for himself...and to ask questions of the universe, and then to learn to live with those questions...but no society is really anxious to have that kind of person around.” Write an essay in which you agree or disagree with this statement, citing evidence from your experience, observation and reading.**

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**Write a carefully argued essay that supports, refutes, or qualifies Mark Twain's statement: "I have never let my schooling interfere with my education." Use evidence, observations, and readings.**

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**In her essay “Too Much Pressure,” Wenke seeks to explain a significant increase in cheating in today’s schools.**

**Write an essay that defends, challenges, or qualifies her position about cheating. Support your argument with appropriate evidence from your reading, observation, and/or experience.**

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**Write a carefully argued essay that supports, refutes, or qualifies Plato's ideas about the nature of rule as it applies to virtue, wisdom, and advantage. Use evidence from your reading to support your argument.**

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**Explain why you agree or disagree with Emerson's assertion "that every young person is born with some determination in his/her nature, and is a potential genius."**

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**In her essay, “I Know Why the Caged Bird Cannot Read,” Francine Prose is skeptical of the practice of using literary works to teach values. Write an essay in which you support or challenge her position. Be specific in your references to novels, plays, or poems.**

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**Alexie is well known for injecting humor, sometimes very dark humor, into tales that might otherwise be unbelievably bleak. Write an essay analyzing Alexie's use of humor to engage the reader. Pay attention to such elements such as diction, style, and tone.**

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