ENGLISH 151B
Activity 1: Summarize and Cite

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Directions: Read the Text Excerpt below and choose the best sentence summary from the four sentences. Then use the Bibliographical Information in the next paragraph to write a Works Cited citation for the original source using MLA format. Read the document “Writing a Works Cited Citation” in the Reading & Writing Program for information about how to write a Works Cited citation.

Bibliographical Information
The following paragraph is from "Writer's Retreat" by Stan Higgins. It was originally published in The Writer in November 1991, volume 104, issue 11, on pages 21-23.

Text Excerpt
During the day I wash dishes, clean tables, and mop floors. They call it Vocational Training. And today, as every day at three p.m., I return to my cozy, bathroom-size suite and drag out my tiny portable. We've all night, just the two of us, my blue typewriter that has been my steady cell-mate for six years, through seven facilities across two states, and I. Today's goal is three pages. I blow dust from the cover and clean the keys. The Muse calls. Tack-tack. Tack. Tack-tack-tack. My typewriter sings its staccato song as I search for a fertile word or idea, some harmonious junction of thought and paper. Locked in solitary combat with my machine, nothing exists outside my cell, or so I pretend. I type a line. My door opens. Two blue-uniformed guards stand there grinning. "Guess what?" one says. "Your number came up."

Choose the best summary:

A. In "Writer's Retreat," Stan Higgins does his chores during the day; and during the nights, he types (21).

B. Whenever Stan Higgins travels, he writes in "Writer's Retreat," he takes his trusty typewriter; during the evenings, he focuses on his writing (21).

C. "Writer's Retreat" by Stan Higgins explains that Higgins' spends as much of his free time as he possibly can typing out his ideas on his typewriter--until he is interrupted (21).

D. Stan Higgins writes in "Writer's Retreat" that his loyal companion has been his portable typewriter, and his mental escape has been composing original prose (21).

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Bibliographical Information
The following paragraph is from “6 Ways to Protect Your Identity in a Data Breach” by Brian O'Connell. It was originally published on the CreditCards.com Web site on February 10, 2009. This website was accessed on November 17, 2016.

Text Excerpt
Act fast: The key is to get out in front of the problem as soon as possible-before heavier damage can be done. "Oftentimes thieves will use your credit card data to commit nonfinancial identity theft crimes which become much larger problems," says Justin Yurek, president of Denver-based IDWatchdog.com. "As thieves begin to truly clone your identity, they can move from buying items in your name to committing crimes in your name, or obtaining employment benefits in your name, or obtaining medical services in your name. Unlike a thief fraudulently purchasing products in your name, there is no easy reversal for these crimes, and the consequences to the victim are much more severe."

Choose the best summary:

A. Justin Yurek of IDWatchdog.com explains that identity thieves commit both financial crimes and nonfinancial crimes, all of which can have equally serious consequences for the victims.

B. An expert at IDWatchdog.com says that it is very difficult to undo the damage caused by identity theft.

C. IDWatchdog.com’s president warns the public that the more serious risks of identity theft are not necessarily the most obvious ones, so it is critical to control the damage as quickly as possible.

D. An identity thief can cause the victim difficulties in a variety of ways, according to Justin Yurek.

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Bibliographical Information
The following paragraph is from "Dawn's Early Light" by Richard Rodriguez. It appeared on January 30, 2004 on a specific web page in the website PBS.org. The sponsor/publisher of the article was MacNeil/Lehrer Productions. The source was found on Dec. 17, 2009.

Text Excerpt
Now they come, children following the footsteps of parents and grandparents, often at the risk of death or injury. We say about them that they are disrespectful of American laws. But for every illegal worker employed today in America, there is an employer one of us--equally disrespectful of American law. Mexicans reveal our hypocrisy to ourselves. They, in their relentless movement back and forth, are forcing us to see America within the Americas.

Choose the best summary:

A. Richard Rodriguez, in “Dawn’s Early Light,” states that generations of illegal immigrant workers are petitioning Americans to treat them equally.

B. While some classify the Mexican illegal workers as lawbreakers, Richard Rodriguez, in “Dawn’s Early Light,” argues that those who hire the illegal workers are hypocrites who are also at fault.

C. Both the Mexican illegal immigrants and their employers are disrespectful to each other, as revealed by Richard Rodriguez’ essay, “Dawn’s Early Light.”

D. America is not the America we once thought it was; Richard Rodriguez’ in “Dawn’s Early Light” explains there are many Mexican workers.

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Bibliographical Information
The following paragraph is from the essay "What Are Friends For?" by Marion Winik. It was originally published on pages 85-89 in a book titled Telling: Confessions, Concessions, and Other Flashes of Light, which was published by Villard Books in New York City in 1994. Marion Winik was the author of all of the writings in the book.

Text Excerpt
At the other end of the spectrum are Hero Friends. These people are better than the rest of us; that's all there is to it. Their career is something you wanted to be when you grew up-painter, forest ranger, tireless doer of good. They have beautiful homes filled with special handmade things presented to them by villagers in the remote areas they have visited in their extensive travels. Yet they are modest. They never gossip. They are always helping others, especially those who have suffered a death in the family or an illness. You would think people like this would just make you sick, but somehow they don't.

Choose the best summary:

A. Marion Winik in the essay “What Are Friends For,” describes Hero Friends as people who live extravagant lifestyles (89).

B. In the essay “What Are Friends For?” Marion Winik complains that she dislikes Hero Friends because they make her ill (89).

C. The main point Marion Winik makes in the essay “What Are Friends For?” is that Hero Friends are caretakers of people who are ill and dying (89).

D. Hero Friends are so good in their behavior and attitude, writes Marion Winik in the essay “What Are Friends For?” that it might seem it would be difficult to like them (89).

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