Where Worlds Collide

Co-Authoring an Argumentative Paragraph
Prompt:

To what extent does one’s background affect his or her perception of a given situation? Write a paragraph that answers this question using “Where Worlds Collide” as your primary source.

● Restate the prompt in your own words, in the form of a question you will then answer.
Topic Sentence

- This is the thesis of your paragraph
- Start with a TAG (Title, Author, Genre) statement that states your claim.
- Ex: *In the essay “Where Worlds Collide”, Pico Iyer…* or, “*In the essay “Where Worlds Collide” by Pico Iyer…*
In one sentence, write the gist of the article. What is the essay about?

Ex: The brief essay details arriving in a U.S. airport from the perspective of an immigrant.
Evidence 1

- Find a quote from the text that helps support your claim.
- When you write the quote into your paragraph, **YOU ALWAYS NEED A TAG**.
- Ex: Iyer describes, “Quote”. When describing arriving at the airport, Iyer says, “quote”.
Analysis 1

**EXPLAIN HOW** this quotation supports your thesis. Do not simply summarize the quote. That is repetitive and tells the reader something they just read. It assumes they won’t understand the language of the quotation. Connect it back to your thesis always.
Evidence 2

- Find a different quote from the text that helps support your claim.
- When you write the quote into your paragraph, **YOU ALWAYS NEED A TAG**.
- Ex: Iyer describes, “Quote”. When describing arriving at the airport, Iyer says, “quote”.

Analysis 2

**EXPLAIN HOW** this quotation supports your thesis. Do not simply summarize the quote. That is repetitive and tells the reader something they just read. It assumes they won’t understand the language of the quotation. Connect it back to your thesis always.
Concluding Sentence

This sentence needs to wrap up your paragraph and bring some closure to the topic. Try to restate your main idea and provide a summary of main points within a single sentence.

Possible Starters: Overall…, For this reason…, In general…, Thus…, As a result…

Do not introduce new ideas, evidence, topics, etc.