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In his editorial, Brooks objects to mainstream cultural messages that sell students on	Additional Comment
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His argument is, in itself, a loose form of rhetorical analysis, it opens by felling us to "sample	impactful claims in your argument
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find messages such as: "Pollow your passion, chart your own course, march to the beat	Resources  Making a Thesis Statement
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