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Squeaky: A Character Analysis

In Toni Cade Bambara's story "Raymond's Run," Squeaky learns the importance of compassion. She grows from a cocky athlete who doesn't realize the talents of others to a respectful girl who is willing to sacrifice everything for her brother. She changes so drastically after almost losing a race for the first time.

In the beginning of the story, Squeaky is incredibly cocky. She constantly brags telling everyone, "I win because I'm the best." Squeaky's arrogance pushes out all other thoughts from her mind; she never even stops to think that someone else might actually be able to beat her. This attitude, however, hides Squeaky's actual insecurity. She brags all the time because she has low self-esteem. She's worried that she's not smart enough to win the spelling bee or be good at other activities besides running. Squeaky shows off to hide the fact that she has no friends.

For every body paragraph

1. Topic sentence
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4. Analysis

In the beginning of the story, Squeaky is incredibly cocky. She constantly brags telling everyone, "I win because I'm the best." Squeaky's arrogance clouds all other thoughts from her mind; she never even stops to think that someone else might actually be competitive. This conceit, however, reveals an internal weakness. Why does Squeaky brag all the time? She's insecure. Having no friends, Squeaky feels the obligation to show off in order to hide the fact of her own deficiency.

