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<p>Title: "Raymond's Run" Author: Toni Cade Bambara Date of Publication: 1992 Genre: Realistic Fiction</p>	<p>Biographical Information about the author: Toni Cade Bambara is a New Yorker who went to Spelman College in Atlanta!</p>
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Historical information about the period of the publication: This story takes place in present day in an inner-city neighborhood in New York City.

Plot Summary:

In "Raymond's Run" by Toni Cade Bambara, the main character, Squeaky, prepares for a big race. By the time the race is over, Squeaky understands that being a coach can be just as important as being a champion.

Characters:

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Squeaky	Main Character	Squeaky is a big-talking main character who takes care of her brother, Raymond.	Sassy Confident Dedicated
Raymond	"Little" big brother	Raymond follows Squeaky on her training runs and shows Squeaky the joy of coaching.	Creative Dependent

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"And tomorrow I'm subject to run the quarter-meter relay all by myself and come in first, second, and third."	
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CHARACTER , SETTING, PLOT, SYMBOLISM, THEME, AUTHOR, ETC. Squeaky, the main character, transforms by the end of the story. At the beginning, she is impossibly overconfident. How can someone come in first, second, and third? By the end of the story, however, Squeaky is more focused on Raymond, her brother, than she is on her own success.	CONNECTION, PREDICTION, INFERENCE, QUESTION, ETC. At first, I was not sure if I would get along with Squeaky. She's so sassy it's almost too much. By the end of the story, though, I found that I liked her.
Connect this excerpt to a theme of the work in one sentence. Though Squeaky appears overconfident, by the end of the story, she has made a plan to use her personal strength to benefit her brother: sometimes our greatest weaknesses are also our greatest strengths.	

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