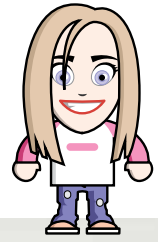


## Student Exemplar: Amy's 7.4 Theme Author Assignment

Read Amy's 7.4 Theme Author Assignment based on the speech "We Must Have Dreams" on pp. 318-320 in **Sightlines 10**.



Dear Editor,

I just finished reading John Amagoalik's speech called "We Must Have Dreams" in your **Sightlines 10** textbook. This speech made me see things around me differently.

I have to confess that people around me talk about how Native people want "their" land back. In reading Amagoalik's speech, I think the people around me have it wrong. In his speech, Amagoalik says that we all need to share what we take from the world. This made me think about countries, like Canada, that are stronger because they are lucky enough to have valuable resources (for example, clean water and oil).

We take, but we don't share.

We sell.

I also respect what he said about his fears. His greater fear is their loss of culture. He talks about how important it is for Inuit people to learn their language and their history, because it will give them inspiration to live a "new life in a changed world" (p. 319). I looked back at his speech and saw that it was written in English, so that we could understand their situation and their solutions. We can learn from his ideas.

I think Amagoalik's main theme, "We Must Have Dreams", applies to everyone though. All of us need dreams. We all need ideals and goals to pursue. Above all, we need hope in our world.

Thank you for putting this speech in your textbook. It gave me a lot to think about.

Yours truly,

Amy

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### My Paragraph:

I chose to write a letter to the editor of the **Sightlines 10** textbook. I thought this would give me a way to write about the themes and ideas I saw in Amagoalik's speech. I emphasized the importance of sharing, understanding, and dreams. I also tried to show how the speech made me think about the world around me.