(HOOK) “It’s impossible to protect all girls from guys like I was because that’s what we do. We eat, drink, and sleep thinking of ways to trick young girls into doing what we want them to do.” -Ex-Pimp (San Diego)

In the novel Iqbal, by Francesco D’Adamo, the main villainous character is

 Hussain Khan: master, proprietor, facilitator. Khan’s character reminds me of the pimp above whose sole purpose is to exploit people as commodities with the only care being the making of money, regardless of the lives dismantled.

(THESIS) Slavery is not an abstract occurrence somewhere on the other side of the world; it is in our own backyards, yet surprisingly, it takes just one person to start the domino effect in the fight against it – the theme explored by D’Adamo. (GIST) In Iqbal the hero is Iqbal, a young teenager; he enters a carpet making factory where Khan employs exploited children as slaves – unlike all the other young slaves, Iqbal has not given up hope and courage; he changes the thinking of all the other slaves to take a stand against the villain.

Body Paragraph one – support for synthesis learning from expository texts Topic Sentence Many of us think of slavery as the African slave trade of the 1600’s which was abolished with the passing of the 13th Amendment on January 31, 1865 … it’s gone right? Well, maybe it exists in some 3rd world countries, but that’s rare … THINK AGAIN PEOPLE! Slavery is NOT an abstract occurrence that happened long ago, or is just happening somewhere on the other side of the world; it is in our own backyard! (Evidence) Alessandra Potenza insists, “Millions of people around the world today – including tens of thousands in the U.S. – are living under modern forms of slavery …” Wait … back up … tens of thousands in the United States of America? YES! The University of California points out that 8,000 – 12,000 victims per year are sex trafficked in San Diego – (Explanation) they are lured in by false promises, or physically threatened into being exploited. Our region is also home to many migrant laborers who move from farm to farm harvesting different crops throughout the year. (Evidence) The National Institute of Justice reveals that 30% of our migrant laborers are taken advantage through their pay or hard work. (explanation) They are victimized because they are vulnerable in the areas of understanding the English language and the laws of the county of San Diego. (Concluding Sentence) Slavery exists … it is referred to as modern day slavery, and it is fueled by capitalism – the strive to make money; the more people doing the work, the cheaper the labor, the more victims get burned by greedy manipulators.

(Body Paragraph two – Support theme with evidence from the novel Iqbal) Topic Sentence – Though the scale of modern day slavery is huge, just one person can start the domino effect in the fight against it, as D’Adamo exemplifies as a theme in Iqbal. (Evidence) Iqbal reveals to Fatima that he is going “to get away.” This shocks Fatima because she never thought of escaping. “I was afraid of what lay beyond …” (Explanation of evidence) Iqbal’s idea to actually escape plants a seed, an idea, in Fatima’s mind that had not been there before (D'Adamo) pages 30 – 31. (Evidence) Fatima’s seed of an idea blossoms when she witnesses Iqbal rebel against the Master, Hussain, “He took the knife … raised it above his head, and seemed to look each of us in the eye. Then calmly turned and cut the carpet [the valuable Blue Bakhara he just finished making] from top to bottom, right through the middle” (D'Adamo) page 34. (Explanation) Iqbal’s courage inspires the slaves to risk their lives to keep him alive while he servs his punishment in the tomb – again, they’ve never risked their lives for a slave in the past - “ ‘… we have to help him …’” (D'Adamo) page 42. (Concluding Sentence) Iqbal, through his words and actions, plants the seeds among the slaves then waters them when he argued, “… this kind of life isn’t right. We should return to our families; we shouldn’t be chained to our looms and forced to work … [to Salman] You’re not afraid anymore. Neither are Fatima and Ali” (D'Adamo) page 50.

Conclusion – Restate the Gist using different wording In Iqbal, a young boy provides the courage to motivate others to stand up to what is right. Restate the thesis using different wording Though slavery is an unthinkable modern day problem, like Iqbal, one person can make a difference – just one can begin the snowball effect of fighting the evil. Restate the most influential evidence to support your thesis People, many who are very young teenagers, from all over the world – including our neighborhoods and schools in San Diego - are lured into slavery by those whose sole purpose is to make money. If we become the eyes, the ears, the voice of anti-slavery, we will see, hear, and speak up about a problem that has never gone away. Reconnect to your hook In an Emergency Room of a hospital, doctors saw a strange incision in a woman’s hip. They listened to her story about a Global Positioning System (GPS) planted by her pimp – her facilitator. They spoke up, to the media – and thus to the world – about the new sophisticated systems parasitic villains are using to control people. The Domino Effect in action:

 ONE doctor spoke up,

 The media spread the word,

 And now health professionals around the world are becoming the first

 line of defense to help the victims who are too afraid to help themselves.

Society is beginning to look for odd signs, listen to the stories that signal enslavement, and be the voice to get these victims the medical and legal services they need. The Power of One …

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