**Introduction**

**Background info:**

Tariq Trotter, also known as Black Though, is a renowned musician and rapper. He is also known for the founding of the music group, the Roots, which perform on The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon.

**Summary:**

Trotter was raised a Muslim in “a middle-class enclave in the Northwestern area of Philadelphia.” His father was murdered at a young age. Trotter connects his challenging childhood to his skill and dedication towards hip-hop (citation).

**Thesis:**

His lyrics convey the message and story by implementing a variety of word choice and word placement.

**Main Point 1**

**Main Point 2**

**Conclusion:**

**Overall Summary:**

**Restate Thesis:**