

WR 65: Research Paper Assignment Sheet (Essay #2)

For this assignment, you will research and then write an essay on a topic that relates to the novel “The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian” by Sherman Alexie. Choose a topic that interests you, that is not too broad or too narrow, and that is easy to find credible sources on.

Length- 1000 – 1200 words (about 4 pages)

Sources- Three to five properly documented, academic sources. Two of these sources **MUST** be from the COCC Barber Library databases. You may **NOT** use Wikipedia, general encyclopedias, pop culture magazines, fiction sources, or any non-credible web sites.

Citations: Minimum of three direct quotes within the essay. Every source used for this essay must be listed on the Works Cited page.

Thesis- a clearly stated, explicit thesis statement that guides the entire essay.

MLA formatting- this essay must be in correct MLA format including heading, 12-point font, margins, in-text citations, and a correctly formatted Works Cited page.

In your introduction:

- Create an opening that will attract your readers
- End with a strongly worded thesis that clearly states your main point and prepares your audience for what’s to come

In your body (at least four paragraphs):

- Choose a pattern of organization that suits your topic
- Make sure each paragraph focuses on a single point of support for your thesis
- Use evidence from your research to support your thesis
- Engage in original and thought provoking analysis

In your conclusion:

- Remind your audience of your main point
- Leave readers with a lasting impression of your essay

Important due dates:

- Complete draft for peer and instructor editing due: **Feb. 25th**
- Essay #2 folder with all process work, final draft on top, due **March 4th**

Drafts- a minimum of **three drafts** are required, all included in the folder. One of these drafts may be in handwriting.