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This search usually starts with

Ex. A scientist or doctor might ask, “How do I stop the growth of cancer cells in human muscle?” or “What would happen to the spread of malaria in Africa if all mothers were inoculated?”

The research seeks to

How do we accomplish this task?

1. Gather information from
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.



The next steps are to

Because this research centers on a literary text, you will start off by applying your question to the book.

How does poverty affect life for Native Americans on the reservation in Sherman Alexie’s *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*?

or

Would Native Americans, like the ones in Sherman Alexie’s *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, be better off if they left the reservation?

or

Is alcoholism really the biggest problem for Native Americans on the reservation?

Remember to gather specific examples from the Alexie text and from other sources.

After you have gathered, analyzed, and synthesized information, you will make a claim and back it up in the body of your research paper. A claim should clearly outline your argument.

Ex. Sherman Alexie’s novel, *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, suggests that the most serious problem facing Native Americans on the reservations today is poverty.