In no more than 300 words, explain the most significant social issue that Sherman Alexie puts forth in *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*. Multiple issues arise throughout the text so you will have to decide which issue is the most compelling and then justify your decision. Keep in mind that there are many directions that you can go with this question so don't worry about what somebody else writes. Also, there is no pre-determined correct answer so don't waste time trying to guess what I want.

## Grading: 50 points

- Grammar, mechanics, and spelling should be perfect.
- MLA citation should be perfect. You must cite within your essay and include a Works Cited page.
- Include TAG (title, author, and genre) within your introduction.
- Include at least one quote from the primary text.
- Make a clear claim.
- Avoid unnecessary words, trite phrases, and dubious statistics.
- Avoid long quotations or summaries.
- Connect Alexie's text to the world.
- Create an original argument.
- If you choose to refer to an outside text, then you must include that text in your Works Cited.
- Please type and double-space your essay. If typing is a problem for you, then
  neatly write your essay on lined paper. Write only on one side of the paper
  and skip lines.
- Include the word count in the top left corner of your essay.



Due: Monday, October 2