

**Task:** Complete a 3-4 page research paper on an approved topic related to Sherman Alexie's *Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*.

**Sources:** minimum of **three** sources one of which must be *Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*.

**Formatting Requirements:** MLA format, 12-point font, double-spaced, last name and page number on each page, title page, and Works Cited.

After discussing topics, we will be in the library for only two days. You will be required to do any additional research on your own time.

We will also spend several days in class talking about and working on how to go about writing your research paper. We will learn about analysis, synthesis, citation, formatting, and more.

Your goal will be to research and analyze how your topic is handled in Sherman Alexie's novel. For instance, if your topic is bullying, you will research causes and effects of bullying, then analyze what role bullying plays in Junior's life. How does bullying affect Junior? How does he handle it? How does bullying affect teenagers in general? What causes bullying in the book? What causes bullying in the real world? What message can we take away from the novel?

**Potential Topics:**

- bullying
- racism
- discrimination
- alcoholism
- poverty
- addiction

- Native American culture
  - family ties
  - pow wows
  - reservation life
  - Spokane Indians

