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.