

Alexie Essay on Theme

Working with one of the themes from Alexie's *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, write a five paragraph essay that explores that theme through Alexie's use of characterization.

Your task:

1) Write a five paragraph essay with an introductory paragraph that contains a clear and specific theme statement, three supporting body paragraphs, and a conclusion. Your essay should be clearly written and your theme statement should be well supported with one piece of evidence from the book for each body paragraph. Don't forget to cite your evidence!

2) Honors students will need to provide two pieces of evidence from the book for each body paragraph.

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Heading:

1. Your heading should include your Name, Teacher's Name, Class/Period, Date

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Guidelines:

1. You need an introduction, three body paragraphs, and a conclusion.
2. Your direct quotations should be no more than three typed lines. If you go beyond three typed lines, please see me so you format your quotation appropriately.
3. Your paper must be typed; 12 point font; Times New Roman; one inch margins; double-spaced.
4. You must have a creative title that reflects the subject of the essay.

Writing Tips:

1. Follow TISAS or TISASAS body paragraph format.
2. Avoid contractions (can't, won't, etc.) unless used in a quotation.
3. Don't use slang or common words (thing, stuff, a lot, etc.) unless in a quotation.
4. Use specific, vivid, and detailed incidents and examples from book to support your thesis.
5. Use strong verbs!
6. Write in third person. Don't use You or I.
7. Use sentence variety (simple, compound, complex).
8. Write in the present tense.
9. Run spell check, but remember that it won't catch the wrong usage of words (hear/here, there/their/they're, then/than, to/too/two, etc.)
10. Capitalization!
11. Make sure all paragraphs are indented a half an inch.

For more support please view the website at vingerfhs.weebly.com where you can find examples of an introductory paragraph, body paragraphs, and concluding paragraph.

You can also find an essay planner on the website to help you organize your writing and a list of strong nouns, verbs, and adjectives that can be used for literary essays.