

Student Name

Mrs. Willhardt

English I

17 March 2022

Persuasive Essay: *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*

Directions: Write a MEL-Con formatted essay addressing if this text should or should not be taught/read in schools. You MUST use quotes from the text. *IF* you choose to use outside sources you may but will need to add a works cited page. Outside sources are not required because you can use yourself as an expert on the topic: you are a student, you know your peers, you know how parents and kids may feel about the topics. In the fourth paragraph, you are doing a counterclaim. In a counterclaim you acknowledge what the other side will say and then argue against it; look back at the activity for 2/22.

For this essay, use your peers to give your feedback. I will look at individual sentences and answer questions but not read the essays multiple times. I will only grade the essay once and give feedback like a typical high school class. Simple mistakes like spelling and grammar should be fixed before submission.

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Hook: a general statement about banned books or books for school; you could also use a fact or current event. *Title of the Book* by author's name is about _____. Students should read this book because _____ and _____; others are opposed because _____ but are wrong.

One reason students should read the book is because _____. "Here is a quote" (Alexie ##). This is how that quote connects to why it should be read. "Here is a second quote," says Junior (Alexie ##). This is how the quote connects to why it should be read. Concluding sentence says-there are additional reasons the book should be allowed.

The second reason students should read the book is because _____. "Here is a quote" (Alexie ##). This is how that quote connects to why it should be read. "Here is a second quote," says Junior (Alexie ##). This is how the quote connects to why it should be read. Concluding sentence says-the book is good.

Some people argue the book should not be read because _____, but they are incorrect. "Here is a quote" (Alexie ##). This is how that quote connects what the quote to why people are against it- BUT then you ALSO say why this is not enough of a reason to stop reading the book.. "Here is a second quote," says Junior (Alexie ##). This is how the quote connects to why some people argue it- BUT then you ALSO say why it is not enough reason to stop it. Concluding sentence- restates what this paragraph was about.

Restate your thesis (green highlight above). Talk about banned books, how books should be chosen, how teachers should pick or not pick books. General ideas about books and what students should or should not read.