

## **Your Education: Writing Assignment**

Read Sherman Alexie's "Indian Education." Make sure you notice how he tells each story about his experiences in school.

**\*Notice how he starts each grade with an interesting lead.**

Sometimes it's a statement, sometimes narration, sometimes dialogue.

**\*Notice also that he has a message in each of his stories.** How do all of his stories come together to give you a sense of how he feels about his education?

Using Sherman Alexie's "Indian Education" as a model, write about your experiences from Kindergarten to 12th Grade. Share your experiences as stories that have recently happened rather than looking back on them 12 years later. You can borrow from Alexie's structure -- model your writing after his.

**Your grade** depends on how many stories you write – and how good they are. Each story should range from 70-250 words, and they should vary in length.

8 stories    A Range

6-7 stories    B Range

4-5 stories    C Range

3 and fewer    D-E Range

Obviously, each story should be well written with a strong focus on "showing" rather than "telling."

Finally, pay close attention to sentence structure and clarity. Don't forget to carefully edit for grammar and spelling.

Total Points: 50