



**Richard Montgomery High School  
Onlevel English 10 Summer Reading**

**2018-2019**

**Assignment:** Read “Indian Education” by Sherman Alexie, an autobiographical short story of disappointment and hope told in first person narration about events from Alexie’s elementary, middle, and high school education.

Then, write about **three events in your own life that you experienced in school.** Please write about three different grades. Some events may be happy, and others sad or disappointing, just like Alexie’s experiences.

Use the template on the back of this page and either hand-write your response, or type in a similar style.

Your good work is due the first Friday of school, Friday, September 7, 2018.

Below you will find an example from one English 10 teacher.

Example:

Talkative Education  
Susan Leckie

Fourth Grade: I didn’t want to “waste” time trying to memorize the multiplication tables, so I picked a few numbers to memorize, then used addition or subtraction to figure out the rest. My teacher thought I was stupid, so she called a meeting with my parents. I was embarrassed. My father had an important job for the government and he had to take off work. My mother had to find a babysitter for my brother. And while my parents and Ms. K talked about me on the other side of the room, I was supposed to memorize the 8s. But all I could do was pretend to look at the papers as I listened to Ms. K tell my parents there was something wrong with me, I was “slow.” To prove it at the end of the meeting, she quizzed me on the 8s. I was okay when she went in order: I got 8, 16 and 24 correct. But then she slipped in something like 8 x 7, and it was all over. My parents’ shoulders dropped in disappointment. But more than the embarrassment at having my parents waste good time on me was the realization that my parents thought I was stupid, too.

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(your name)

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**Based on your experiences above, how would you describe your feelings about the coming school year?**