

Unofficial and Unwritten Rules Assignment

Guiding Questions:

- What unspoken rules does your subculture follow?
- How can you use words to convey *why* they follow these rules?

Directions:

Step 1: Mentor Text – read Sherman Alexie’s “The Unofficial and Unwritten (but you better follow them or you’re going to get beaten twice as hard) Spokane Indian Rules of Fisticuffs”

Step 2: Brainstorm – make a list of unofficial and unwritten rules of your subculture.

Step 3: Draft – decide on at least 10 unofficial and unwritten rules about your subculture.

Step 4: Redraft – make sure that each rule is written in complete sentences and is uniform. You will notice that in Alexie’s text he starts each rule with either “if” or “you”.

Step 5: Summarize – on a cover page, give a summary of how you have seen these rules play out during your observations.

Step 6: Extra points: Compare yourself to a member of your subculture. See picture of Arnold Spirit in mentor text.

Format:

- ☐ Have a title “Unofficial and Unwritten Rules of _____”. Number each rule. Include a cover page with a summary of your rules.
- ☐ 1 page for rules
- ☐ 1 cover page with explanation of how you’ve seen these rules function during your observations.
- ☐ 12 point font
- ☐ 1.5 spaced
- ☐ 1 inch margins