

NA Literature Test

Next class, you will be given a Native American short story. Your job will be to write one short essay about the story within the class period. This will act as your test for the Native American unit.

The goal of your short essay (at least half a page) will be for you to identify a central theme (hint: bring your notes!) in the piece and defend it using textual evidence. Your short essay should include:

- A clear **thesis statement** about what the theme is.
- At least **three specific examples** from the story that support your proposed theme. These examples could be direct quotes, paraphrases, summaries, or just very specific examples.
- Remember to not just list your three reasons, but **explain/give commentary** about each example and why they prove your argued theme.

Hint: An example of a clear thesis would be: The short story _____ focuses on the theme of _____.