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Annotated Bibliography

Cline, Lynn. "About Sherman Alexie: A Profile." *Ploughshares* (2012). *Article Detail*.

Web. 8 May 2014.

This article talks about his achievement in poetry as well as how his work includes his own personal background to it. This article talks about Sherman Alexie’s time in Washington State University and his beginning of writing poetry and short fiction. It also discusses how many of his great collections have talked about the lives of Native Americans living on reservations and the struggle of poverty as well as alcoholism. This part of the article was significant when doing my presentation because I wanted to show his success in writing after having to change career paths twice and having to transfer Universities.

Highway, Thomson. "General Commentary by Sherman Alexie." *General Commentary by Sherman Alexie*. Web. 8 May 2014.

This article is based on Sherman Alexie’s interview on poetry. This interview was important because I wanted to include in the presentation how much of an influential person Alex Kuo was to Sherman Alexie and his discovery to a new path of writing. It includes how Alex Kuo had opened his eyes to understanding poems differently Alexie even stated he saw his own life in poems and stories for the first time after having to read a Native American poetry called *Songs From This Earth on Turtle’s Back.* In this interview it just showed how great of a mentor Alex Kuo was to Alexie.

"Sherman Alexie." *Poetry Foundation*. Poetry Foundation, Web. 8 May 2014.

In this article it talks about the life of Sherman Alexie although I have mainly focused on his childhood, in order to help me with my presentation about his early years. It talks about Sherman Alexie’s life threatening condition stating he was born with hydrocephalus, which is an abnormally large amount of cerebrospinal fluid on the brain. The doctors expected him not to survive the operation but he did and no harm was done on the brain. Even with his condition he was very intelligent in fact by the age of five he learned to read *The Grapes of Wrath*. It also includes how he wanted to better himself and decided to attend a high school that was out of the reservation in order to receive college credits. In high school he excelled in his studies that won him a scholarship to Gonzaga University. This article was very helpful in collection information from his childhood.