Native American Quiz – Essay

Background – the current controversy surrounding many of the pro sports and college teams is linked to mascot use: many of the mascots use Native American symbols that some current groups feel is stereotypical and antiquated. After studying several Native American groups, you should have noticed that there is and was a diversity of cultures among Native tribes. **In an essay you are to use what you have learned about the diversity of Native groups to defend the position that the current use of mascots by sports teams is stereotypical (this is not about personal opinion, it’s about showing me what you have learned about Native Americans). Make sure you include in your discussion the reasons for such wide diversity of cultures.**

**>Use the graphic organizer below to set up your essay. It is worth 10 points of your final quiz grade. The graphic organizer and essay are due in two class periods (ADay-9/29, BDay-9/30).**

Introduce the topic and state your thesis (thesis should lay out what you are going to talk about in your essay)

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| Supporting paragraphs – these should be the reasons why the stereotypes are wrong and a discussion of how diverse the Native Americans truly were. | | |
| Diversity Example #1 | Diversity Example #2 | Diversity Example #3 |

Conclusion: Conclude with a statement about how you proved that Native Americans were/are a diverse group of people and discuss why they are so diverse.

Specific details about diversity example #3

1.

2.

3.

Specific details about diversity example #2

1.

2.

3.

Specific details about diversity example #1

1.

2.

3.

When writing your essay:

* Must be turned in on time – each day late you will lose points off your score (remember, this is a formal quiz grade)
* Must be legible (if I cannot read it, I cannot grade it)
* Must use proper mechanics
  + Indent your paragraphs
  + Complete sentences
  + Proper spelling
  + Proper names (watch too much use of they, them, their
  + No text talk!!! (b/c)
  + No plagiarism – must be in your own words

Rubric:

**5 Paragraph Essay Format**

**Paragraph 1 (Introduction/Thesis Paragraph)**

Hook/Engaging beginning

Topic/Thesis sentence

**Paragraph 2 (Explanation of first point)**

Point one written as a topic sentence

Three or more sentences that support your point

Connecting sentence that sets up next paragraph

**Paragraph 3 (Explanation of second point)**

Point two written as a topic sentence

Three or more sentences that support your point

Connecting sentence that sets up next paragraph

**Paragraph 4 (Explanation of third point)**

Point three written as a topic sentence

Three or more sentences that support your point

Ending sentence

**Paragraph 5 (Conclusion paragraph)**

Restating of original topic sentence(beginning: In conclusion, Therefore, or As stated)

Supporting sentences repeats your three points

Conclusion/final sentence

**Writing Rubric**

**A: Excellent**

* Has strong introduction and topic sentence
* Presents a strong organization with valid examples and

details

* Ends with a strong summary or conclusion
* Uses standard English and spelling conventions

**B: Good**

* Same standards as above
* Some minor grammar and spelling errors

**C: Fair**

* Has a good introduction, but weak topic sentence
* Has very weak organization and use of examples
* Provides a weak conclusion or summary
* Has some serious grammar errors that interfere

with understanding of topic

**D: Poor**

* Has a weak introduction and a very weak topic

sentence

* Has very weak organization and use of examples
* Provides few examples or details
* Neglects to provide a conclusion
* Has some major grammar errors that interfere

with understanding of topic

**F: Unsatisfactory**

* Has a very weak introduction and no topic

sentence

* Has almost no organization
* Provides no examples or conclusion
* Has major grammar and spelling errors that

interfere with understanding of topic

* Illegible