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Assignments

Week 7, beginning 9/26/2011:

Tuesday:

- **Writing Lab:** As I write this, I have yet to receive a lab report, so the news will probably arrive with me when I see you in class. Hopefully you're well on your way to finishing Part III. In particular, do you now remember what your thesis statement is?
- Over the weekend I asked you to expand into a three- to four-paragraph essay your prior journal assignment in which I asked you to respond to a significant event in Sherman Alexie's *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*. Please hand this in. I'll grade your papers and hand them back to you on Thursday.
- We finished viewing Sherman Alexie's *Smoke Signals*, which gives us a chance to compare and contrast the plot and characters of this movie to his novel, *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*.

Homework due Thursday, 9/29:

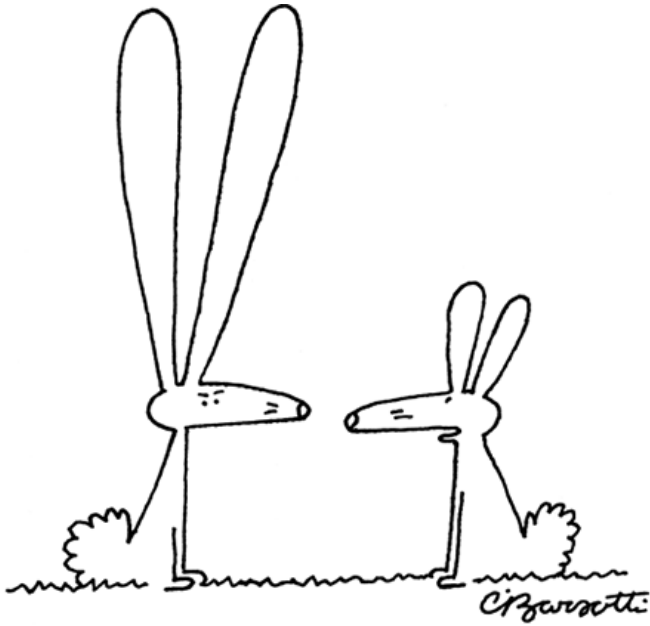
1. **Reading Assignment:** Read Chapter 7, "Comparison and Contrast," in Jane Aaron's *40 Model Essayi*, pages 202 to 208. Also read Nancy Mairs's "Disability," pages 220 to 222.
2. **Journal Assignment:** Address the four *Meaning* questions on page 222. Expect a quiz on these questions.
3. **Writing Lab:** Work hard!

Thursday:

- I'll return your essays, which will give us a chance to do some grammar.
- I'll give you a quiz on Chapter 7 and Mairs and your journal questions.
- We'll continue our discussion of compare-contrast essays. In particular, we need to develop a simple process and structure for these types of essays.

Homework due Tuesday, 10/4:

1. **Reading Assignment:** None.
2. **Journal Assignment:** None.
3. **Writing Assignment:** Write a four-paragraph essay in which you compare and contrast three characteristics of Arnold Spirit in *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* with Victor Joseph in *Smoke Signals*. Type this essay up, using MLA format, and hand it in on Tuesday, 10/4.
4. **Writing Lab:** Work hard on Part III because this is effectively the last week for Group 1.



"Relax—nobody's talking about you."



Kanin

"Enough medical mumbo jumbo, just give it to me straight, Doc—will I ever be able to play piano again?"



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