Smoke Signals- Persuasive Essay topics

Discuss one of the following thesis statements in a 5 paragraph persuasive essay using

specific reasons, and examples from the movie Smoke Signals.

1. Smoke Signals explores many different First nations stereotypes and breaks them down.
2. Humour is used throughout the movie Smoke Signals to deal with difficult issues First nations peoples face.
3. Near the beginning of the film, Thomas says, “You know, there are some children who aren’t really children at all.  They’re just pillars of flame that burn everything they touch.  And there are some children who are just pillars of ash, that fall apart if you touch ’em.  Me and Victor—we were children born of flame and ash.”  In the movie Smoke Signals the characters illustrate this.
4. The most important theme in Smoke Signals is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
5. In the movie Smoke Signals, the relationships between characters help us understand various aspects of first nations culture.
6. Stereotypes are used in the movie Smoke Signals to illustrate various themes.
7. In the movie Smoke Signals metaphors are used to illustrate various themes. (For example:, Indians and July 4 (described in the film as “white peoples’ independence day”), Indians and driving a car backwards, Indians and frybread, Indians and alcohol, Indians and cowboys, Indians and Christianity, Indians and the Lone Ranger, and Indians and the image of the warrior etc)
8. In the movie Smoke Signals, dreams, visions and stories are used to help us understand the meaning of the movie.
9. Racism affects the characters in Smoke Signals in many ways.
10. The movie Smoke Signals teaches us about many aspects of first nations culture.
11. The movie Smoke Signals teaches us many lessons about the resilience of the human spirit and the power of healing and forgiveness.
12. The movie Smoke Signals teaches us about the effects of alcoholism and abuse on families.
13. The movie Smoke signals teaches us about the importance of getting in touch with your spirit.
14. The movie Smoke Signals teaches us about the effect of absentee parents and abandonment on children.