

SWOSU Students Give Presentation at OCTE

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University English Education students Anastacia Speed of Mustang and Veronica Ladd of Vici recently conducted a presentation at the fall conference of the Oklahoma Council of Teachers of English held in Oklahoma City. Their presentation included hands-on activities—cartooning, sketch to stretch, and writing—and was based on Sherman Alexie’s young adult novel, *The Absolutely True Story of a Part-time Indian*. The focus was on negotiating conflict created by differing expectations of the young from familial and tribal sources, from the tribe and from non-Indian society. The activities were based on transmediation theory, wherein students show their understanding of literary, print-based texts in other forms of artistic expression using other symbol systems. The program is part of a service learning project they are doing in their methods course, enhancing the experience of Dr. Viki Craig’s freshman composition course—Writing about the Image of American Indians in Film and Lit.