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## Times Up!

Here's the situation. Your teacher gives you an assignment to study about some god-forsaken Indian tribe who lived millions (well maybe not millions) of years ago somewhere between Ohio and the Pacific Ocean. Your teacher wants you to do a research paper on this tribe, including maps showing where they lived, what they ate and show how their tribe expanded throughout the West. Naturally you get started right away. Right? Right?

Well, don't worry, because we all are guilty of procrastination at one time or another. Waiting until the last minute to finish an assignment you've had three weeks to work on, is definitely going to cost you some sleep.

So then why do we do it? Why do we wait twenty-four hours until the actual paper has to be handed in to even get started?

Probably because when first given, the due date seems so far in advance you figure, "No problem dude, I've got all the time in the world."

On the other hand, you could have NO time in the world and just completely forget about the assignment amidst your busy lifestyle. That is until you come face to face with the date highlighted in your student planbook the week it's due.

Well, I've heard of this guy in Clifton who sells already finished research papers on a variety of subjects (800 in all!) for \$150 a shot. Just Kidding! Don't we all wish?

Well, for those of us who don't have connections, the best advice is to get to

the library. QUICK! Now that you've waited until the last minute, you're going to start paying.

Those hours in the library are going to seem like days. That old grouchy librarian behind the desk (the one with hair growing out of his nose and ears) is going to become your personal friend and companion somewhere between here and the next card catalog.

After getting all the information you'll need for your final report, you go home only to face THE TYPEWRITER. Yes folks, that horrid machine with letters of the alphabet flung every which way making it even harder to type (as if you needed more problems at this point).

Finally, after using almost a whole container of correction fluid and typing paper, you finally have your finished product.

Aaaaah! Now you can get that hard earned sleep you deserve, and believe me, you need it. You walk sluggishly down the hall to your bedroom to crash on your bed for hours of comforting sleep. Somewhere between your door and your bed, you see the neon numbers on your digital clock blaring 6:02 AM.

What you thought was going to be a good night's sleep turns out to be about an hours worth. You figure, "Oh well, I'll be dead tired today, but at least I got my research paper done." So you set your alarm for the next hour and lie down only to wake up and face the world.

Moral of the story:  
Do not procrastinate.

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