

New students are invited to write a brief essay on our Shared Read. *The Poisoned City*: by Anna Clark is our choice for 2019. This book traces the causes and effects of Flint's water crisis. And reveals how the tragedy was exposed. It is a story of environmental injustice, urban decay, corruption and local activism.

The top student authors will get the opportunity to meet with Anna Clark during her visit to Rider's campus on October 29.

**Top 20 essays:** Join Ms. Clark for a discussion

**Top 5 essays:** Dinner with Ms. Clark

**Top essay:** Introduce Ms. Clark at her campus presentation

A group of faculty will evaluate the essays. Selected essays will be well-written and organized. Students will thoughtfully engage with issues raised in the book, and support their ideas with examples from the text.

**Submission details:**

- Your submission must include your name and Rider email address.
- Your essay should be approximately **500 words**.
- Your essay must be submitted **no later than Monday, August 19** to SharedRead@rider.edu.

Please email any questions about the essay to SharedRead@rider.edu.

**Please select one (1) of the prompts below:**

1. Write a letter to the editor of *The Rider News*, our student newspaper, convincing current students of why they should or should not read *The Poisoned City*, using specific examples from the text.
2. The stories, statistics, and actions (or inactions) detailed in *The Poisoned City* may surprise, anger, or inspire us. Choose one of these reactions and explain why the book made you feel this way, using specific examples from the text.

**Submission deadline is: Monday, August 19.**