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Independent Non-Fiction Essay

In this essay I am analyzing the context of the topic in my book of choice. The book I am writing about is called “Orange Is The New Black” by Piper Kerman.

Before we dive into the context, I want to give a little background in this book. After this autobiography was published in 2010 by Piper, a famous tv show soon followed after in 2011.

Most of the details in the show are fictional: however, the book is not.

Piper’s reasoning for writing this book could be interpreted in two different ways. The first is to show how unaffordable college is. The reason that Piper got into the criminal side of drug smuggling was to pay for her education. She went to this extent because she “came from a family that prized education” (Orange is...) This lead her down her first and last criminal path.

The second would be to illustrate that there is always two sides to a person. Piper was “a well-educated young lady from Boston with a thirst for bohemian counterculture and no clear plan” (Orange is...) when she committed the crime of smuggling drug money across state lines. Some people would have never thought what kind of double life Piper was living at the time.