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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian

Author:

Sherman Alexie

Date Started:

Date Finished:

Keep reading. Keep wondering.
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How to Answer

Your answer does not have to be perfect. Just answer in complete thoughts and use details from the chapter.

How to structure your answer

A strong answer usually has a few parts. Try these steps:

1. **Answer the question.** Start with one sentence that answers the question directly.
2. **Give an example.** Add a detail or moment from the chapter that shows what you mean.
3. **Explain why.** Tell why it mattered, or how it made you think or feel.
4. **Wrap it up.** Finish with a closing thought, a question, or a prediction.

At the school dance, Junior worries that people will find out he is poor. How does telling the truth change what happens to him?

Example answer: I think telling the truth helps Junior because he does not have to hide anymore. He is scared that Penelope and Roger will laugh at him, but they actually help him. This shows that real friends can care about you even when your life is not perfect. It also shows Junior that honesty can make him feel less alone.

How to Answer (continued)

At Grandmother's wake, people share stories and laughter along with sadness. Why do you think laughter can be important during grief?

Example answer: I think laughter is important during grief because it reminds people of the happy memories they had with the person who died. Junior's family and community are very sad, but the funny stories help them feel close to Grandmother. Laughing does not mean they stopped missing her. It means they are remembering her love and spirit.

In the last chapter, Junior and Rowdy play basketball together again. How does this ending give the reader a feeling of hope?

Example answer: The ending gives me hope because Junior and Rowdy are not completely enemies anymore. They still have problems, but playing basketball shows they can be together in a peaceful way. I think it means their friendship might heal slowly. It also shows that Junior can belong to more than one place.

Chapter 1

Junior calls himself a member of the Black-Eye-of-the-Month Club. What does this nickname help you understand about his daily life and how he sees himself?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 30

In the last chapter, Junior and Rowdy play basketball together again. How does this ending give the reader a feeling of hope?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 29

Junior thinks about all the different groups, or tribes, he belongs to. What message does this chapter give about identity and belonging?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

How does what happens to Oscar show the reader how poverty affects Junior and his family? Use details from the chapter in your answer.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

What do Junior and Rowdy's actions at the powwow show about their friendship? How do they help each other in different ways?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 28

Junior looks back on his freshman year report card. What has he learned about himself as a student, friend, and family member?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 27

After Mary's death, Junior feels many strong emotions. How does he try to understand what happened without giving up on life?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Why is Junior so upset when he finds his mother's name in his geometry book? How does this moment change the way he thinks about school and his future?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Mr. P tells Junior that he has to leave the reservation to find hope. What do you think Mr. P means by hope in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 26

Junior and Rowdy have a serious talk about basketball and life. What does their conversation show about rivalry, friendship, and respect?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 25

During the big basketball game against Wellpinit, Junior wants to win badly. How do his feelings change after the game, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Junior's parents say he can go to Reardan, even though it will be hard. What does their answer show about their love for him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

Rowdy reacts strongly when Junior tells him about Reardan. Why do you think Rowdy feels so hurt and angry?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 24

Junior faces more loss in Valentine Heart. How does he use drawing, lists, or writing to help himself keep going?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 23

At Grandmother's wake, people share stories and laughter along with sadness. Why do you think laughter can be important during grief?

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Chapter 8

On Junior's first day at Reardan, he feels like he does not belong. What challenges does he face, and how does he respond to them?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

Grandmother gives Junior advice about Penelope. What does her advice show about understanding other people before judging them?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 22

Junior compares people and communities in Red Versus White. What does he learn about good and bad qualities in both places?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

Junior's father gives him a Christmas gift even after making mistakes. How can someone feel both disappointed and loved at the same time?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

Junior says he is like a clown when he hides his true feelings. Why might someone pretend to be funny or okay when they are really hurting?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

On Halloween, Junior and Penelope try to raise money for others. What does this chapter show about kindness, courage, or trust?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

Junior tries out for the basketball team at Reardan. What strengths does he show during tryouts, even when he is nervous?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

Mary writes another letter about her life. What does her story teach Junior about taking risks and making choices?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

Junior draws a cartoon for Rowdy on Thanksgiving. What does this small action show about Junior's feelings toward Rowdy?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

Mary sends Junior an email about her new life in Montana. How does her message connect to the idea of following a dream?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

Junior and Rowdy communicate through the computer. What do their messages show about how hard it can be to fix a broken friendship?

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Chapter 17

At the school dance, Junior worries that people will find out he is poor. How does telling the truth change what happens to him?

New word I learned:

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Chapter 14

During Thanksgiving, Junior thinks about family, friendship, and change. What is something he seems thankful for, even though his life is difficult?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

Junior learns that Penelope has her own struggles. How does this help him see her as a real person instead of just someone he has a crush on?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

Rowdy gives Junior advice about love and Penelope. What does this advice show about Rowdy's personality and his friendship with Junior?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
