*Absolutely True Diary*

Reflection Questions, set 1

**Instructions**

* Choose ONE to write about
* Write a full paragraph that answers all of the bullets for your topic
* Think about flow
* Think about topic sentences
* Be thoughtful
* Once you have finished your paragraph, you may do make-up work or read ATD

**Anger**

* Junior’s dad says that the other Indians are going to be angry at Junior for going to Reardan and Rowdy does get mad. Why are the other Indians angry at Junior for going to Reardan?
* Are they right to be angry at Junior?
* Have you ever had a situation in which someone got mad at you for choosing your own path? What happened?

**Buffalo Joke**

* How do you feel about the racist joke on page 64?
* Many people object to the author, Sherman Alexie, including the joke in the novel. Why do you think it is included?
* Do you think Alexie made the right decision to include it?

**Rules**

* Describe a time in your life in which you were expected to obey different rules in different places. Were you able to navigate the situation successfully?
* Write up the rules for both situations in a format similar to the one Alexie uses

**Grandma’s Advice**

* Summarize Grandma’s advice on page 68. Do you think it was good advice?
* What advice would you give for getting along with girls?

**Tears of a Clown**

* Have you ever had an experience like the one that Junior shares on pages 74-76? How did it affect your relationship with the person?
* Why do you think Sherman Alexie included it in the novel? Why at this point in the novel?

**Your Choice**

* Choose something that stood out to you as you read the novel. Describe how you reacted to it.
* Why do you think Alexie included it in the novel?

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Reflection Questions, set 2

**Instructions**

* Choose ONE to write about
* Write a full paragraph that answers all of the bullets for your topic
* Think about flow
* Think about topic sentences
* Be thoughtful
* Once you have finished your paragraph, you may do make-up work or read ATD

**Romantic Relations**

* Why does Arnold/Junior like Penelope so much?
* What criteria did Mary use for choosing her husband?
* What criteria would you use for choosing a boyfriend/girlfriend/spouse?
* What criteria would your family like you to use for choosing a spouse?

**Fractured Friendships**

* Why is Rowdy so mad at Junior (be thoughtful)?
* Why does Junior still want to be friends with Rowdy?
* What advice would you give Junior about his relationship with Rowdy? Was the picture a good idea? Was emailing about Penelope a good idea?
* What advice would you give Rowdy?

**Your Choice**

* Choose a decision that a character has made in the book
* Analyze why you think that character made that decision
* Do you think s/he made the right decision? Explain.
* Make a connection between the decision and your own life

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Reflection Questions, set 3

**Instructions**

* Choose ONE to write about
* Write a full paragraph for EACH of the bullets under your topic
* Think about flow
* Think about topic sentences
* Be thoughtful

**Basketball**

* Describe Junior’s experience with basketball in the book.
* How does Junior react to winning the final game? Is he right to do so?
* What point do you think Sherman Alexie is making with all this talk about basketball?

**So Many Ghosts**

* Describe Junior’s experiences with death in the book.
* Why does Junior react differently to different deaths?
* Why do you think that Sherman Alexie included all these deaths in the book?

**Leaving Home**

* Describe how Junior feels about the reservation.
* What is your “reservation?”
* Do you think you will leave your reservation? Why or why not?