***The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian***

10th-12th Grade Assignment

Since we will be working with this book at the beginning of the year, please use this assignment to keep track of your thoughts and analyses. You will turn in your **typed** and completed assignment to your English teacher on the first day of school. A copy of this chart is available online on the Godinez homepage. **This is an individual assignment. Please do your own work. You will put this on Turnitin.com the first week of school.**

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| **Author:** | **Publishing Year:** |
| **Themes:** A theme is a message; it is a comment by the author about society, people’s behavior, or the human condition. A theme is a complete idea. It is a sentence; it is not just a word. After reading the novel, what two themes could you find?  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | **Evidence for one theme**: Write and cite a line from the book that supports one of your themes. After you have done that, highlight or circle the theme you have selected.  “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”  ( ). |
| **Figurative Language:** Figurative language refers to similes, metaphors, personification, or hyperbole that should not be taken literally. Please quote your favorite example of figurative language and write if it is a simile, metaphor, personification, or hyperbole.  “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” ( ).  Type of Figurative Language: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | **Figurative Language Analysis:** Using your quoted example of figurative language from the left-hand side of this box, analyze (look at something closely in a methodical way) the language used. What effect does this type of figurative language have on characterization or theme? (Please answer using complete sentences.) |
| **Symbolism:** Symbolism occurs when an object stands for something else: doves for peace or hearts to represent love are two basic examples of everyday symbolism. In literature, symbols might be more complex. Select an example from the book that you believe represents something else. Discuss the symbol, what you think it represents, and why you found it important. (Please answer using complete sentences.) | **Allusion:** An allusion is a reference to an actual work of literature, a historic event, a well-known person, or a piece of popular culture. Select one allusion from the novel and discuss how it enhanced your understanding of the story. (Please answer using complete sentences.) |
| **Why do you think drawing is important to Junior? (Please answer using complete sentences.)** | **How does the title of the book, *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian,* connect to its contents, the story, or the characters? (Please answer using complete sentences.)** |
| **Characterization:** Discuss your thoughts on the two major characters. Some questions to consider: Which characters stayed static (the same) or became dynamic (changed)? Explain. Who is the protagonist? Why? Antagonist? Why? Which one was most relatable to you? Explain. (Please answer using complete sentences.) | |
| **Response:** Share your thoughts about the characters, their stories, your reactions, and more. Feel free to add another page to this paper. (Please answer using complete sentences.) | |
| **One question derived from the reading you would like to discuss when we return:** | **One comment about the reading you would like to share when we return:** |

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Summer Reading Review Examples

These examples and models are from the first two chapters of the novel and should help you with four of the boxes from the summer reading chart. You are expected to have your own answers for all of the boxes.

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| **Figurative Language:** Figurative language refers to similes, metaphors, personification, or hyperbole that should not be taken literally. Please quote your favorite example of figurative language and write if it is a simile, metaphor, personification, or hyperbole.  “I get headaches because my eyes are, like, enemies, you know, like they used to be married to each other but now hate each other’s guts” (Alexie 3).  Type of Figurative Language: Simile | **Figurative Language Analysis:** Using your quoted example of figurative language from the left-hand side of this box, analyze (look at something closely in a methodical way) the language used. What effect does this type of figurative language have on characterization or theme? (Please answer using complete sentences.)  The character of Junior has a sense of humor about all of his medical ailments, and he uses this simile to emphasize the warring factions that are his left and right eyes. One eye is nearsighted; one eye is farsighted, and they both have different wants and priorities just as a divorced couple might. Junior emphasizes that not even his body is working to help him. |
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