



Karns High School
Honors English 9
Summer reading list 2018-2019
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Summer is the perfect time to relax with a good book. This summer reading guide is to prepare students for their Freshmen year in high school, as well as to ensure that valuable reading skills are not lost or dulled over the summer months. Students are responsible for obtaining their own copies of these works either from a bookstore or a local library. The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian can also be read in its entirety from this link (case sensitive) <https://goo.gl/WAMu1U>

Students are to complete two assignments that are due of the first day of school.

1. All students will read the Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie and complete the attached reading guide.
2. Students will read an additional novel from the following list, and write a five paragraph essay answering the question, "How do life's struggles and triumphs shape our identities?" Evidence from **both texts** must be used in the essay to answer this question. The answer should analyze how characters in each texts dealt with answering this question, and how this question shaped the development of both novels.

List of additional required novels:

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| <p>The Girl who fell from the sky- Heidi W. Durrow I know why the caged bird sings- Maya Angelou Mudbound- Hillary Jordan Cold sassy tree- Olive Ann Burns Cry, the beloved country- Alan Paton The power of one- Bryce Courtenay A tree grows in Brooklyn- Betty Smith The secret life of bees- Sue Monk Kidd The woman of Brewster place- Gloria Naylor A time to kill- John Grisham Swamplandia- Karen Russell Americanah- Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie Monster- Walter Dean Myers Between shades of grey- Ruta Sepetys</p> |  |
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*A hard copy of each task is due on the first day of school.

** These works of literature are for a mature audience and are controversial in nature. Themes such as friendship, poverty, identity/self-esteem, racism, discrimination, family relations, and bullying are dealt with in these novels. I highly encourage parents to read and discuss the themes in these novels with their children so that this is an enjoyable experience for the whole family.

Name _____ Date: _____

Subject: Honors English I Reading guide

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian

Absolutely True and Important Directions

- 1) You will be reading *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie.
- 2) Read until you come to a STOP POINT in the text; stop points are listed below:
 - **Stop Point 1:** pg. 24 (after “Revenge is My Middle Name”)
 - **Stop Point 2:** pg. 53 (after “Rowdy Sings the Blues”)
 - **Stop Point 3:** pg. 100 (after “My Sister Sends Me an E-mail”)
 - **Stop Point 4:** pg. 130 (after “Dance, Dance, Dance”)
 - **Stop Point 5:** pg. 167 (after “Wake”)
 - **Stop Point 6:** pg. 198 (after “Rowdy and I Have a Long and Serious Discussion About Basketball”)
 - **Stop Point 7:** pg. 230 (after “Talking About Turtles”)
- 3) After each STOP POINT, answer all the questions in the **diary entry** for those particular chapters.
- 4) At the end of the book, answer the **final questions** on the last page of your packet.
- 5) All answers should be **in complete sentences**, unless otherwise noted.
- 7) The summer reading and packet assignments and essay are on the first day of class! This counts as your first **test grade** in English!

DIARY ENTRY 1

- Read pages 1-24, which include the following chapters:
 - The Black Eye-of-the-Month Club
 - Why Chicken Means So Much to Me
 - Revenge Is My Middle Name
- Answer the following questions based on these chapters.

1) From whose **point of view** is this story told? _____

2) What is the **setting** of the story? _____

3) List 3-4 adjectives to describe each character below, and list page #s where you found your evidence. Your answers **do not** need to be in complete sentences.

| Character | Description | Page #s |
|--|--------------------|----------------|
| Junior/Arnold (this is the same character!) | | |
| Rowdy | | |

4) What is the **main idea** of these chapters? Write 2-3 sentences. _____

DIARY ENTRY 2

- Read pages 25-53, which include the following chapters:
 - Because Geometry Is Not a Country Somewhere Near France
 - Hope Against Hope
 - Go Means Go
 - Rowdy Sings the Blues
- Answer the following questions based on these chapters.

1) What is the **main idea** of these chapters? Write 2-3 sentences. _____

2) Fill out the chart below describing the **main conflict** in these chapters.

| IDEA (What is the conflict?) | EVIDENCE | EXPLANATION |
|------------------------------|----------|-------------|
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3) What is a **possible theme** from these chapters? How do you know? (use evidence from the text to support your answers) _____

DIARY ENTRY 3

- Read pages 54-100, which include the following chapters:
 - How to Fight Monsters
 - Grandmother Gives Me Some Advice
 - Tears of a Clown
 - Halloween
 - Slouching Toward Thanksgiving
 - My Sister Send Me an E-mail
- Answer the following questions based on these chapters.

1) What is the **main idea** of these chapters? Write 2-3 sentences. _____



2) Fill in the charts below to show **2 ways that Junior has changed** so far.

- Include before, catalyst, and after.
- Include **page #s** where you found your **evidence** for each part of the change.

| Junior Before | Catalyst | Junior After |
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DIARY ENTRY 4

- Read pages 101-129, which include the following chapters:
 - Thanksgiving
 - Hunger Pains
 - Rowdy Give Me Advice About Love
 - Dance, Dance, Dance
- Answer the following questions based on these chapters.

1) What is the **main idea** of these chapters? Write 2-3 sentences. _____

2) What is a **possible theme** from these chapters? _____

3) Provide **evidence (a quote!)** and **explanation** to support your theme below.

| Evidence | Explanation |
|----------|-------------|
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DIARY ENTRY 5

- Read pages 130-167, which include the following chapters:
 - Don't Trust Your Computer
 - My Sister Sends Me a Letter
 - Reindeer Games
 - And a Partridge in a Pear Tree
 - Red Versus White
 - Wake
- Answer the following questions based on these chapters.



1) What is the **main idea** of these chapters? Write 2-3 sentences. _____

2) Describe the **main EXTERNAL conflict** in these chapters. (This can be either **character vs. character** or **character vs. society**.) Your answer should be an **idea-evidence-explanation**.

3) Describe the **main INTERNAL conflict** in these chapters. (This means **character vs. self**.) Your answer should be an **idea-evidence-explanation**. _____

DIARY ENTRY 6

- Read pages 168-198, which include the following chapters:
 - Valentine Heart
 - In Like a Lion
 - Rowdy and I Have a Long and Serious Discussion About Basketball
- Answer the following questions based on these chapters.

1) What is the **main idea** of these chapters? Write 2-3 sentences. _____



2) Fill in the charts below to show **2 NEW ways that Arnold has changed** so far.

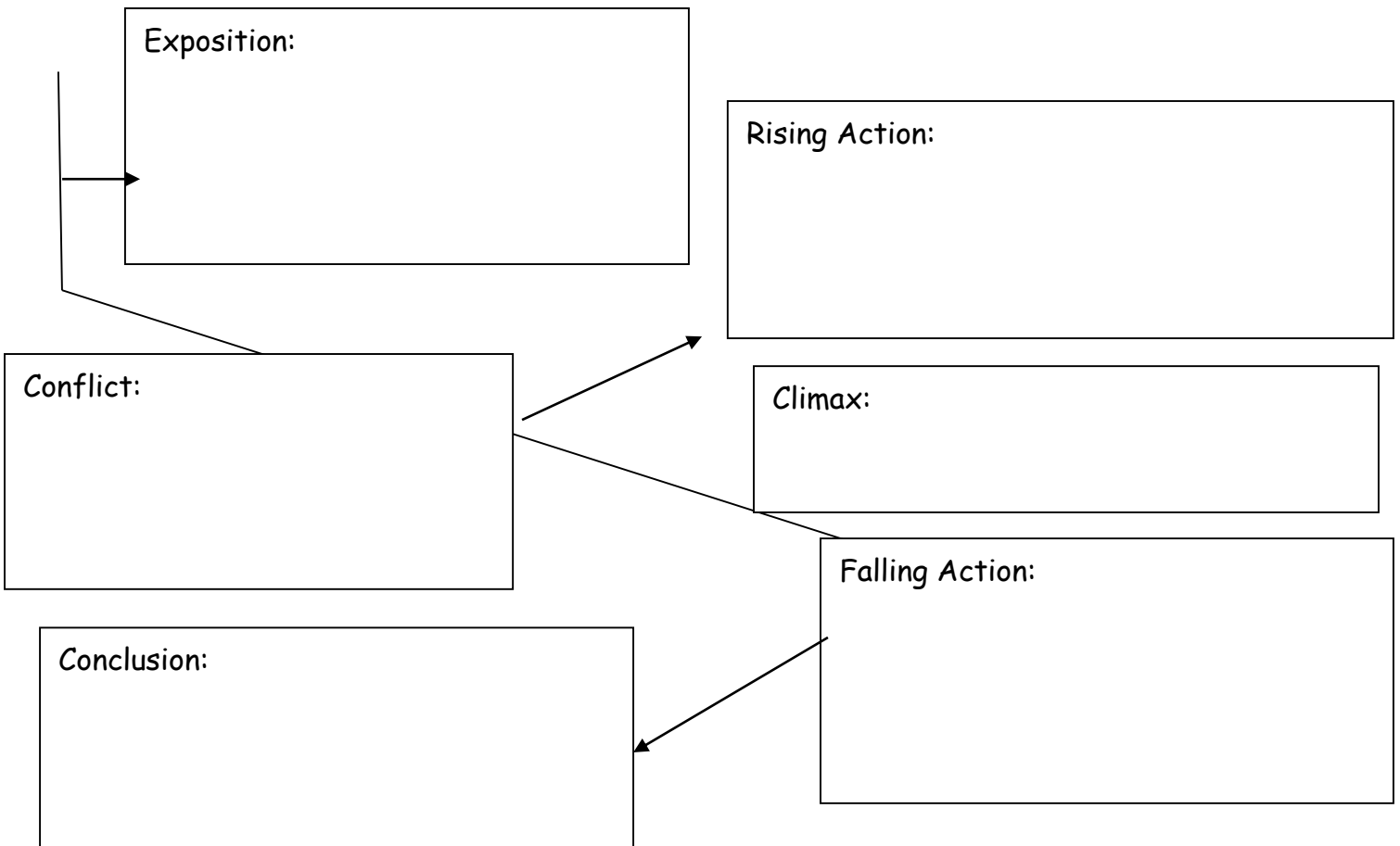
- Include before, catalyst, and after.
- Include **page #s** where you found your **evidence** for each part of the change.

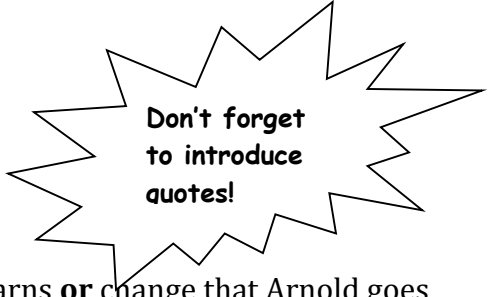
| Junior Before | Catalyst | Junior After |
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DIARY ENTRY 7

- Read pages 199-230, which include the following chapters:
 - Because Russian Guys Are Not Always Geniuses
 - Remembering
 - Talking About Turtles

1) Fill out the **plot arc** diagram below for the **entire** book.





FINAL DIARY ENTRY

1) What do you think is **the most significant** lesson that Arnold learns **or** change that Arnold goes through in this story? Answer in **idea-evidence-explanation** format.

2) At the beginning of the book, the author includes a quote from the poet W.B. Yeats:

There is
another world,
but it is in this one.

Explain, in **4-5 sentences**, how this quotation relates to the story of *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*.
