

① Reading Questions

/ 7

- Answer the following questions about chapters 6-8. Mark only one answer.

Chapter 6:

What is Springdale?

- another school on the reservation.
- the place his parents came from.
- a soap opera Junior's grandmother likes to watch.

What is so special about Junior's transferring to Reardan?

- His grandfather also went to Reardan.
- He'll be the first kid to leave the reservation this way.
- Reardan is just around the corner.

Chapter 7:

How does Rowdy react to Junior's plan to transfer to Reardan?

- He is very understanding.
- He is very excited to join him.
- He doesn't believe Junior and starts getting mad.

What is Junior's attitude towards the Reardan kids?

- He considers them arrogant and stuck up.
- He considers them beautiful and smart.
- He thinks they are losers.

Chapter 8:

On his first morning at Reardan, Junior ...

- ... walks straight into the school with the other kids.
- ... stays outside a bit and thinks about his decision.
- ... runs away.

Why don't Roger's friends attack Junior?

- Roger tells them not to.
- They are shocked that Junior really hit Roger.
- The school principal stops them.

Who is the first person Junior talks to at Reardan?

- Melinda, the secretary
- Penelope, another student
- Mr. Grant, his homeroom teacher

Chapter 9: Grandmother Gives Me Some Advice

I went home that night completely confused. And terrified. If I'd punched an Indian in the face, then he would have

5 spent days plotting his revenge.

And I imagined that white guys would also want revenge after getting punched in the ace. So

10 I figured Roger was going to run me over with a farm tractor or combine or grain truck or runaway pig.

I wished Rowdy was still my friend. I could have sent him after Roger. It would have been like King Kong battling Godzilla.

I realized how much of my self-worth, my sense of safety,

20 was based on Rowdy's fists. But Rowdy hated me. And Roger hated me.

I was good at being hated by guys who could kick my ass. It's not a talent you really want to have.

My mother and father weren't home, so I turned to my grandmother for advice.

30 „Grandma," I said. „I punched this big guy in the face. And he just walked away. And now I'm afraid he's going to kill me."

35 „Why did you punch him?" she asked.

„He was bullying me."

„You should have just walked away."

40 „He called me 'chief.' And 'squaw boy.'"

„Then you should have kicked him in the balls."

45 She pretended to kick a big guy in the crotch and we both laughed.

„Did he hit you?" she asked.

„No, not at all," I said.

„Not even after you hit him?"

50 „Nope."

„And he's a big guy?"

„Gigantic. I bet he could take Rowdy down."

„Wow," she said.

55 „It's strange, isn't it?" I asked.

„What does it mean?"

Grandma thought hard for a while.

„I think it means he respects you," she said.

60 „Respect? No way!"

„Yes way! You see, you men and boys are like packs of wild dogs. This giant boy is the

65 alpha male of the school, and you're the new dog, so he pushed you around a bit to see how tough you are."

70 „But I'm not tough at all," I said.

„Yeah, but you punched the alpha dog in the face," she said.

75 „They're going to respect you now."

„I love you, Grandma," I said.

„But you're crazy."

80 I couldn't sleep that night because I kept thinking about my impending doom. I knew

Roger would be waiting for me in the morning at school. I

knew he'd punch me in the head and shoulder area about

85 two hundred times. I knew I'd soon be in a hospital drinking

soup through a straw.

So, exhausted and terrified, I went to school.

90 My day began as it usually did. I got out of bed at dark-thirty, and rummaged around the kitchen for anything to eat. All I

could find was a package of

95 orange fruit drink mix, so I made a gallon of that, and drank it all down.

Then I went into the bedroom and asked Mom and Dad if

100 they were driving me to school.

„Don't have enough gas," Dad said and went back to sleep. Great, I'd have to walk.

105 So I put on my shoes and coat, and started down the highway. I got lucky because my

dad's best friend Eugene just happened to be heading to

110 Spokane.

Eugene was a good guy, and like an uncle to me, but he was

drunk all the time. Not stinky drunk, just drunk

115 enough to be drunk. He was a funny and kind drunk, always wanting to laugh and hug you

and sing songs and dance. Funny how the saddest guys

120 can be happy drunks.

„Hey, Junior," he said. „Hop on my pony, man."

So I hopped onto the back of Eugene's bike, and off we

125 went, barely in control. I just closed my eyes and held on.

And pretty soon, Eugene got me to school.

We pulled up in front and a lot

130 of my classmates just stared. I mean, Eugene had braids

down to his butt, for one, and neither of us wore helmets,

for the other.

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian

② **Reading**

 / 10

- Read the text and answer the following questions in 5-10 words. Use your own words.

a) Why does Junior compare Rowdy and Roger to King Kong and Godzilla?

b) Why does Junior's grandmother think the kids at Reardan will respect Junior?

c) Find an example for Junior's family being poor.

d) How is Roger similar to Rowdy?

e) How is Roger different from Rowdy?

④ High-School Life

● / 8

- Name at least three aspects that make US high schools special.

List at least five typical clubs that students can join after class at most high schools.
