

FINAL PROJECT FOR

THE ABSOLUTELY TRUE DIARY OF A PART-TIME INDIAN

You must complete one group project by _____. Groups can be 2-5 people. Choose one of the following to complete and be ready to present on _____. Approve your group and choice through Meek by the end of today. You must split up the work evenly and effectively. You will have one class period only to work on this in class. The rest must be completed outside of the classroom. The day you present you will also fill out an evaluation of yourself and your other group members. Your grade will be based on the quality of work, following directions, and your participation.

1. Before the Reardan Indians versus Wellpenit Redskins basketball game a news crew comes to interview Junior. Working in small groups, write a script for the entire news story, including interviews with Coach and Rowdy. Rehearse and then either present the news story for the class or videotape and then show the class.
2. Both Mr. P and Coach have a big impact on Junior due to their motivating words and advice. Prepare and present a motivational speech, to be delivered to the Wellpenit basketball team just before their second game against Reardan.
3. In ten years time Junior returns to Wellpenit High to deliver a speech to the graduating class. What is his message to them? What has he done since high school? Prepare and present his speech.
4. Choose your favorite three cartoons from the novel. Explain to the class why you have selected these cartoons as your favorite and explain the significance of each one.
5. Working in small groups, choose a scene from the novel to act out. Write your own script before you rehearse and then present to the class. Choose from one of the following scenes:
 - a. Junior's first day at Reardan.
 - b. The class walk-out on Mrs. Jeremy.
 - c. Junior and Penelope go out for pancakes after the dance.
 - d. Junior and Rowdy play basketball at the end of the novel.
6. Prepare an argumentative speech, using one of the following topics:
 - a. The pursuit of personal goals is more important than the expectations of the community.
 - b. Boys should be freer to express their feelings.
 - c. More education is required to eradicate racism from our society.
 - d. The misuse of alcohol has devastating effects on our community.
 - e. Self-belief is the most important quality to ensure success.

FINAL PROJECT PART 2

Choose one of the themes, motifs, or symbols that we discussed in class. You must complete one essay that centers around one of these. Your thesis should be making a clear point. Whether it discusses the use/purpose in the novel, or if it is your opinion, you must be clear. Answer the question: why is this a part of the novel? How does it add to the story, meaning, message, and feel of the novel? What does it teach the reader?

Your paper needs to be six paragraphs long (intro, 3 body, refutation, conclusion) and have at least three quotes (properly cited). Your paper needs to be typed in Times New Roman 12 pt. font, double spaced, and should be clear and concise.

Themes:

- Identity and self-esteem
- Poverty
- Racism and discrimination
- Family relations
- Male relations
- Role Models
- Hopes and dreams
- Bullying
- Alcoholism and violence

Motifs:

- Basketball
- Books and reading

Symbols:

- Names
- The Road to Reardan

***If you have a different theme, motif or symbol you want to use, please approve it through me first.