

**Study Guide: *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie**

Brophy's freshmen English curriculum focuses on 5 primary themes:

- 1. Open to Growth**
- 2. Intellectual Competence**
- 3. Religious**
- 4. Loving**
- 5. Committed to Justice**

These concepts are central in Brophy's profile of the "**Graduate @ Graduation.**" Brophy's fundamental mission is to foster significant student growth in all 5 areas before graduation. The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian provides a solid overview of these important themes.

**QUESTIONS**—Please **type** and **edit** your answers due the first day of class. Expect a test and/or essay on the book during the first 2 weeks of school.

1. In 2-3 sentences each, define the 5 Graduate @ Graduation themes in words you could easily explain to others.

**Answer #2-6 using specific details and /or quotes from the novel as evidence.**

2. Provide 2 specific examples from The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian where characters are open to growth.
3. Provide 2 specific examples of characters showing intellectual competence.
4. Provide 2 specific examples of characters being religious/spiritual.
5. Provide 2 specific examples of characters being loving/compassionate.
6. Provide 2 specific examples of characters being committed to justice.

**Please use complete paragraphs for #7-10, and be sure to use specific evidence from the novel in support of your thoughts and opinions.**

7. Describe the reservation on which Arnold lives. How has the reservation shaped Arnold as a young man? Why is it important that he leave the reservation?
8. List and then describe Arnold's outlets for his frustrations. Which would you say is most important to him? Why?
9. Describe Arnold's transition to his new school. In what ways was it more difficult than planned? In what ways was the transition easier than planned?
10. At the book's conclusion, explain how Arnold changed throughout the novel and how Arnold stayed the same.