

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian

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Study Questions Part Two, pages 82-158

Slouching Toward Thanksgiving

1. How did Arnold demonstrate how smart he was in his geology class?
2. Why was Arnold's mother crying when he got home from school one day?
3. Arnold felt inspired by his sister's move. So, what did he do the next day?
4. Gordy said you should read a book three times before you know it. The first time is for what? The second is for what? Did anyone learn what the third reading is for?
5. How did Gordy help Arnold get through high school?

My Sister Sends Me an E-Mail

6. What "weird" and "crazy" things did Mary discover on the Flathead Reservation?

Thanksgiving

7. What happened when Arnold went to Rowdy's house?

Hunger Pains

8. What did Arnold hear while he was in the restroom?
9. What's the difference between an anorexic and a bulimic?
10. Why did Arnold imagine that Penelope was dating him?
11. What were Penelope's dreams for her future?

Rowdy Gives Me Advice About Love

12. What advice did Arnold get from Rowdy? From Gordy?

Dance, Dance, Dance

13. What made the winter formal difficult for Arnold?
14. What did Arnold and Roger talk about in the bathroom at Denny's?
15. How did Arnold plan to get home after the dance? How did he actually get home?

Don't Trust Your Computer

16. What did Gordy say that impressed Arnold?

My Sister Sends Me a Letter

17. What did Arnold's sister tell him in her letter?

Reindeer Games

18. How did Arnold's parents meet? Why did Arnold's dad tell that story?
19. What were the odds of Arnold being chosen for a basketball team?
20. What did Arnold have to do for basketball tryouts?
21. Where did Reardan play its first basketball game? How were they greeted? How did Arnold react?
22. What happened to Arnold in the game?

And a Partridge in a Pear Tree

23. What did Arnold find in his father's boot? Why did he call it "a beautiful and ugly thing?"

Red Versus White

24. What is good about life on the reservation? What is good about Reardan?
25. How did Arnold's grandmother die? What was her final display of tolerance?