

4. Why do you think that Mr. Dodge believed Gordy, but did not believe Junior?

5. Junior's Mom is pretty upset that Junior's sister is married. Why is Junior happy for Mary?

6. What does Junior think about Gordy? Is Junior stereotyping Gordy?

7. Name at least two things that Gordy teaches Junior.

Chapter Twelve: "My Sister Sends Me an Email"

1. Where does Mary live and what is her new home like?

2. Mary says at the end of the Email, "It was a dream come true. I love my life!" Why is this statement significant?

Chapter Thirteen: "Thanksgiving"

1. Why does Junior think that it is funny when Indians celebrate Thanksgiving?

2. Junior asks his Dad what they have to be thankful for, and his Dad answers, "We should be thankful that they didn't kill all of us." Junior and his Dad laughed "like crazy". Why do you think that Junior and his Dad laughed?

3. How does Rowdy's dad stereotype Junior?

4. Why does Junior think it is important that Rowdy did not tear up the cartoon?

Chapter Fourteen: "Hunger Pains"

1. Penelope is a victim of stereotyping. What does everyone assume about Penelope, and what is she hiding from everyone?

2. What does Penelope do to cover up her fear? Who does Junior compare Penelope to?

3. Junior calls Penelope's father, Earl, a racist. What example does Junior give to prove that Earl is a racist?

4. What reason does Junior come up with to explain why Penelope is dating him?

5. What does Penelope tell Junior she must do to live her dreams?

6. What does Penelope really want to do with her life?
7. How does this parallel Junior's experience?

Chapter Fifteen: "Rowdy Gives Me Advice About Love"

1. What stereotype about White girls does Gordy expose?
2. What unfairness does Gordy identify in the story about the girls who have disappeared in one area of Mexico?
3. How does the story about girls going missing in Mexico parallel the stories about The Highway of Tears here in the North?

Chapter Sixteen: "Dance, Dance, Dance"

1. What assumptions do White people make about the casino on the Spokane Indian Reservation?
2. What does Junior wear to the Winter Formal? Why is his suit accepted as being "beautiful" instead of being judged as ugly and out of style?
3. After the dance, why is Junior "sick to my stomach"? (Page 123)
4. What does Junior discover that Roger and Penelope know about him? (Pages 126-127)
5. What is the lesson Junior has learned at the end of this chapter? How will this help him resolve his inner conflict?

Chapter Seventeen: "Don't trust Your Computer"

1. What stereotype does Junior identify to Gordy? (Page 131)
2. What does Gordy say that breaks apart this common stereotype about White people?
3. What is Junior alluding to when he says that the people at home call him an "Apple"?

Chapter Eighteen: "My Sister Sends Me a Letter"

1. What do you think Mary means when she says her life story will be called, How to Run Away From Your House and Find Your Home?

2. Do you think that Mary's letter will help Junior resolve his inner conflict? Explain.

Chapter Nineteen: "Reindeer Games"

1. What advice about life does Junior's Dad give him? (136). How will this help Junior resolve his inner conflict?

2. How does Junior stereotype himself in this chapter? How does Junior tear down this stereotype?

3. Where does the Reardon High School basketball team play their first game? Why is Junior "absolutely sick with fear"?

4. How does Eugene help Junior?

5. What does Rowdy do to Junior near the end of the game? Which team won the game?

6. What advice does Coach give Junior in the hospital? Will this advice help Junior resolve his inner conflict? Explain.

Chapter Twenty: "Red Versus White"

1. On page 153, what does Junior say is the very worst thing that a parent can do to their children? Do you agree with him? Explain.

2. On page 154, what does Junior say is the very best thing about his Grandmother?

3. Situational irony is when something happens that is not what one might expect to happen. An example of this is when a heart surgeon has a heart attack, or when the safety expert causes a car accident. What situational irony happens in this chapter?

Chapter Twenty-One: "A Partridge in a Pear Tree"

1. Describe Junior's Christmas.

2. How does Junior feel about his Dad in this chapter?

Chapter Twenty-Two: "Wake"

1. How did the Indians on the reserve treat Junior after his Grandmother died?

2. How many people attended his Grandmother's funeral?

3. Where was the funeral held?

4. Describe the funny incident at the funeral?

5. Do you think it was disrespectful when the family and the people at the funeral laughed when Junior's Mom humiliated Billionaire Ted? Explain.

Chapter Twenty-Three: "Valentine Heart"

1. What happens to Eugene in this chapter?

2. What does Junior do to cope with the grief he is experiencing? (Page 171)

3. Name at least three of the negative thoughts that Junior has as he tries to make sense of all of the losses that he has experienced?

4. On his first day back at school, an incident happens that gives Junior some hope and some joy. Describe the incident.

5. What does Junior do to help himself to "make it through all of the death and change" in his life?

Chapter Twenty-Four: "In Like a Lion"

1. What is Junior's best skill as a basketball player?

2. Why do you think Junior was so excited when the coach told him that he might be able to play college ball?

3. What was the State basketball ranking for Wellpinit High School? What was the State basketball ranking for Reardon High School?

4. At the end of the television interview, Junior shares the reason why he feels that he has to prove he is stronger than anyone else. Explain why Junior has to prove he is stronger than anyone else.

5. Before the game, Coach gives Junior and the team some very important advice for the game, which is also important for life. What is his advice?

6. Why do Junior's Mom and Dad sit on opposite sides of the basketball court?
7. After the game, why did Junior begin to feel bad for wanting to get revenge on the basketball players from Wellpinit High School?

Chapter Twenty-Five: "Because Russian Guys Are Not Always Geniuses"

1. Describe the new and terrible loss that Junior experiences in this chapter.
2. Why do you think that Junior laughed all the way back to the rez?
3. What was involved in this tragedy that has also been a part of all of Junior's recent losses?
4. What does Junior's mother make him promise?

Chapter Twenty-Six: "Remembering"

1. What important grieving ceremony do Junior and his Mom and Dad do in this chapter?
2. What does Junior's Mom tell him?
3. Junior is crying for the people who died recently. He is also crying for people who are still alive. Who are the people he is crying for?
4. What important insight about reservations (reserves) does Junior give? Do you think that this insight applies to Canadian reserves? Explain.
5. Junior finally makes an important decision about his life. Describe his decision.
6. Junior also begins to understand something very important and this understanding helps him to realize that he will be okay. What does he begin to understand?

Chapter Twenty-Seven: "Talking About Turtles"

1. Junior tells a story about when he was 10 years old and he and Rowdy climbed the biggest tree on the rez. What is symbolic about him remembering this story at this time?
2. Rowdy gives Junior some very important advice. Describe Rowdy's advice. What important message is Rowdy also giving Junior?