

## The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian

### By Sherman Alexie



**Directions:** Now that you have read *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, it is time to demonstrate your understanding of the book. Choose one of the following projects and complete it using your completed "Elements of a Story" worksheets and discussion questions to determine what you should include in your project. Be prepared to present your final project to the class.

1. Use your completed "Elements of a Story" and discussion question worksheets to write a traditional book report.
2. Write a screenplay based on the book.
3. Create a poster presentation or Power Point Presentation focusing on "Hopes and Dreams." Use one half of the poster to identify Junior's hopes and dreams and use the other half of the poster to identify your personal hopes and dreams. Create a "life plan" that Junior could follow to achieve his dreams and a "life plan" that you can use to follow your dreams.
4. Create an anti-racism and anti-bullying campaign that would help Junior to address some of the conflicts he faces in the book and come up with solutions to the conflicts you are currently experiencing in your life.
5. Create a "My Heroes" poster presentation that identifies characters that Junior looked up to as heroes and identify people you look up to in your own life.
6. Create a set of postcards that Junior would send to his sister Mary. Identify the main plot points in the story, one point on each postcard, in the form of a letter (ex. Write a note to Mary explaining the inciting incident, the textbook incident between Junior and Mr. P). Draw a cartoon on the flip side of each postcard that illustrates the main point of the postcard.
7. Create a comic book that summarizes the content of the book.
8. Create an advertising campaign that would entice others to purchase and read the book. Include a pitch commercial (like a movie trailer) and promotional material.
9. Create a board game based on the book.
10. A project of your choice (you must clear your idea with your teacher first).



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**Directions:** In the novel, *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, we met a very determined and goal-orientated young man named Junior. In this activity, you are going to learn the skills necessary to create personal goals and put them into action using a system called S.M.A.R.T. Goal Setting.

### What is S.M.A.R.T. Goal Setting?

**S**PECIFIC

Does your goal clearly and specifically state what you are

trying to achieve? If your goal is too big, try to break it down into smaller, specific S.M.A.R.T. goals.

**M**EASURABLE

How will you (and others) know if you are making progress

toward achieving your goal? Establish clear definitions to help

you measure if you are reaching your goal.

**A**TTAINABLE

Is your goal realistic? Give yourself the ability to succeed by

setting goals that you can actually achieve. How will you reach

your goal (list the steps)? Is your goal dependent upon anyone

else? Is it possible to reframe your goal so it only depends on

you and not others? What factors may prevent you from

accomplishing your goal?

**R**ELEVANT

Why is achieving this goal important to you? What effect will

achieving your goal have on your life or on others? Is this goal

relevant to my larger goals?

**T**IME-BOUND

When will you reach your goal? How much time will you have

to achieve your goal? Decide exactly when you will begin and

when you will finish your goal.



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Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Goal Deadline: \_\_\_\_\_

**What is your goal in one sentence?**

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**What are the benefits of achieving this goal?**

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**Verify that your goal is a S.M.A.R.T. Goal**

**Specific: What EXACTLY will you accomplish?**

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**Measurable: How will you (and others) measure your progress or know when you have reached your goal?**

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<p><b>Attainable:</b> Is your goal realistic? How will you achieve your goal (list the steps)?</p>	<p><b>Relevant:</b> Why is this goal important to you?</p>	<p><b>Time-Bound:</b> When will you achieve this goal?</p>
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**My S.M.A.R.T. Goal Action Plan**

My S.M.A.R.T. Goal Action Plan			
Tasks		Expected Completion Date	Actual Completion Date
Foreseeable Challenges or Obstacles to Achieving My S.M.A.R.T. Goal			
Challenge or Obstacle		How will you address the challenges?	
My Support Network for Achieving My S.M.A.R.T. Goal			

**Why do I need a support system?**

Working toward a goal requires hard work and self-discipline. Having a support network is a good motivator and a useful way to measure your progress. Sometimes, it also helps just to have someone to talk to you, especially if you run into a challenge or you need a little pep talk.

**Who can I share my goal with?**

Your support network can include anyone you feel comfortable sharing your goals with (family, friends, teachers, a coach, etc). Your support network should include at least one or two other people who genuinely want to see you succeed in achieving your goals.