



# ANSWER KEY for

## Reading Quiz on

### TATDOAPTI : pgs. 1-43

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**Directions:** Answer the following questions in at least 2 complete sentences. TAKE YOUR TIME. Be specific and use significant details in your responses to prove your comprehension skills and that you are reading. **Write neatly and legibly.** ALWAYS DO YOUR BEST.

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**1. Describe the events that occur after Rowdy and Junior walk over to the powwow grounds.**

Rowdy trips on a tent pole on their way to watch the chicken dances and gets so upset that he pushes Junior to the ground and smashes a mini van with a shovel. Junior runs away from Rowdy but ends up meeting the Andruss triplets, who beat him up. Rowdy takes revenge for Junior by cutting off their braids and shaving their eyebrows in the middle of the night.

**2. Who is Oscar and what happens to him?**

Oscar is Junior and his family's dog; Junior calls Oscar his best friend. Unfortunately, Oscar gets sick, and the family can't afford to take him to vet to get medicine or even put him down; therefore, Junior's dad has to shoot Oscar to put him out of his misery.

**3. Describe Rowdy and Juniors' relationship and how it functions.**

Junior and Rowdy are best friends even though Rowdy doesn't show his emotions really well. Rowdy beats Junior up, but if anything even happens to Junior, Rowdy protects him like no one else can.

**4. What would Junior's parents' occupations be if somebody had paid attention to their dreams?**

Junior's mom would have been a community college teacher. Junior's dad would have been a professional jazz saxophonist (sax player).

**5. What does the S.T.E. in S.T.E.A.L. stand for and what does it mean?**

The S stands for speech, T for thoughts, and E for effects on others. (The A stands for actions, and the L for looks.) They offer ways to learn about characters in literature indirectly, which is from the story and not the author directly.

**6. How does Junior describe his sister and what do they call her?**

Junior describes her as independent, beautiful, strong, and wild as she lives in the basement and keeps to herself. They call her "Mary Runs Away" because she is often out of the house without anyone's knowledge, and she likes to keep to herself .

**7. What does Junior find in geometry class, and what does he do with it?**

Junior finds his mom's geometry book from when she was in school, which shows that the school lacks the resources to give anyone a quality education. He gets so frustrated that he throws the book at his teacher, Mr. P, and hits him in the face.

**8. What does Mr. P reveal to Junior about his sister, and what does Junior realize as a result?**

Mr. P tells Junior that his sister was the smartest student he taught, and she wanted to be a writer of romance novels. Junior realizes that she is similar to him because she is also depressed and hides in her books to escape the pain.

**9. Give two examples of Sherman Alexie's use of indirect characterization for the narrator Junior in the first 4 chapters and label it S.T. or E.**

One example is the internal monologue (thoughts) of Junior's "diary" that demonstrate a thoughtful and intelligent adolescent that understands the deeper meaning behind human emotions. Another is how angry Rowdy gets when he trips over the tent pole and gets laughed at by Junior; he gets so upset that he pushes his friend and smashes a van. His effect on others and behavior in public shows his true character and points to some deep-seeded anger issues.

**10. What does Mr. P tell Junior to do at the end of "Hope Against Hope" and why?**

Mr. P tells Junior that he needs to leave the reservation. He tells Junior that it is hopeless if he stays and that Junior will find opportunity if he sees what else is beyond.

***Extra Credit: What is "about the worst thing you can do to an Indian guy"? [One sentence is okay.]***

If you cut off an Indian guys' braids, you are doing about the worst thing you could do to him.