



ANSWER KEY for

Reading Quiz on

TATDOAPT1 : pgs. 114-158

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.

1. Summarize Junior's basketball tryouts.

The coach has them run a bunch of laps first, which causes a few guys to quit, and then play full-court one-on-one. Junior is paired with Roger for the one-on-one, and Roger lays him out on the first attempt. The coach gives him another chance, and Junior takes it; he goes crazy the second time and gets passed Roger. Roger catches up and takes him out again, but Junior looks like a fighter with a lot of heart, which gets him on the team.

2. How does Roger end up helping Junior out after Winter Formal? *[There are at least two ways.]*

Roger and Penelope find out that Junior is poor, so Roger pays for his meal at the diner after the dance. Roger also finds out that Junior was going to walk home, so he gives him a ride instead.

3. What lie do Reardan kids/parents believe about the Spokanes, and how does Junior have to deal with this before Winter Formal?

Reardan kids and parents assumed that the Spokanes had a lot of money because they had a casino, and white people everywhere believed that the government gives money to Indians. Junior had to pretend that he was not poor; he had to tell Penelope that he would just meet her there, and he also had to wear one of his dad's old suits.

4. How does Junior interpret his Grandmother's tolerance toward gay people and why?

Junior sees them as Swiss Army knives because of his Grandmother's tolerance. She viewed them as being both male (warriors) and female (caregivers) in some capacity, so they could do anything like a versatile pocket knife.

5. What was Junior's grandmother's last words and why?

Junior's grandmother's last words were "forgive him" because she wanted everyone to forgive the drunk driver that hit her. Junior is shocked that her "last act on earth was a call for forgiveness, love, and tolerance" (157).

6. How are Gordy and Rowdy similar when giving Junior advice about Penelope and why?

They both said that Junior was being racist in his pursuit to win over Penelope and get her to fall in love with him. They, more or less, say that he should stop treating her, another white girl, like she is better or more special than any other girl.

7. Explain how Junior is still able to play the basketball game even after bleeding.

Eugene, who had just become an EMT, stitches up Junior's cut that he received from the angry fan who threw a quarter at his face. After the three stitches on his forehead, he is able to go back into the game for the second half.

8. How do other students react to Junior at Winter Formal and why?

Students thought he was really cool because Penelope loved his retro suit so much and told everyone. He got a lot of great reactions, so he even showed off some disco dance moves to make them laugh.

9. What did Junior's dad get Junior for Christmas, and how does Junior respond?

Junior's dad gives him a wrinkled, damp five dollar bill. Junior was pleased because he knew that his dad probably wanted to spend that five bucks on booze but had saved it and given it to his son instead.

10. How does Junior's dad change his mind about trying out for the basketball team?

Junior's dad told him the story about meeting Junior's mother to illustrate that "you have to dream big to get big" (136). Junior was hesitant about trying out for the team beforehand, but after the story he decides to go for it.

***Extra Credit: What team is Penelope playing against when Junior is watching her?
[One sentence is okay.]***

Penelope is playing "against the mean girls from Davenport Lady Gorillas" when Junior is watching (115).