



ANSWER KEY for

Reading Quiz on
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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.

Note: *[Junior is Arnold Spirit's nickname from the rez. You can refer to him as either.]*

1. Describe the interaction between Rowdy and Junior just after Mary's wake.

Junior sprints into the woods to escape the graveyard and runs right into Rowdy, who is crying. Rowdy denies his feelings even though Junior attempts to empathize with him, and Rowdy tries to punch Junior but misses. Junior laughs at him, which makes Rowdy cry more, and Rowdy tells him that it is Junior's fault that Mary has died and professes that he hates Junior.

2. Why does Miss Warren get Junior out of his chemistry class, and how does she react to Junior?

Miss Warren, the guidance counselor, gets Junior out of class to tell him that his sister had died. She wouldn't tell him why or let him go outside to wait for his dad because it was cold, but Junior does anyways. She is shocked at his defiance and tries to chase him but quickly has to stop and let him go.

3. What does Junior do immediately after the basketball game against Wellpinit and why?

He celebrates but then quickly realized the devastation for Wellpinit that he helped cause. He felt ashamed, threw up, and wept like a baby.

4. Summarize Ted's speech.

Ted talks about his love for Indians, their culture, and their art. He tells a story of an Indian man knocking on his door to sell a beautiful powwow dance outfit and claiming that he needed the money to help his dying wife. Ted bought it even though he knew it was a lie, and then had an anthropologist inspect it. The scientist said he had belonged to Grandmother Spirit so that is why Ted came to her wake, but then Junior's mom debunks the whole thing because Junior's Grandmother never danced.

5. What were two of the myths about the lake or how it received its name?

One myth is that it got its name because it is round and green like a turtle's shell. Another myth is that it got its name because it used to be filled with regular turtles. One other is that it used to be home to a

giant snapping turtle that ate Indians. There's a different myth about a dead horse that keeps washing ashore and the lake burning up that doesn't apply to how it got its name.

6. What happened in Mrs. Jeremy's class that makes Junior laugh afterward?

Mrs. Jeremy ridicules Junior for not showing up at school although it is known that he's been losing his loved ones and having a hard time. Gordy and the rest of the class slam their books to the ground and walk out in protest, and Junior laughs because they all just leave him even if they were protesting on his behalf.

7. Summarize Rowdy and Junior's dialogue in the basement before they decide to go swimming.

They discuss what they are going to do when they are older and how much they will make playing professional basketball. They make fun of each other and how ugly each of them are, and they laugh at their silliness.

8. After laughing the whole way home with his dad, what dream/nightmare does Junior have and why?

He has a nightmare that he ate so much cantaloupe at a picnic that he turned into one and then smacked a wasp on his face that had been trying to suck the sugar out of his cheek, which had actually happened in real life. Before having the nightmare, he remembered that his sister had always loved eating that melon even though he had always hated it.

9. How does Junior ultimately respond to the sports guy after repeated only saying that he feels weird?

He apologizes and tells the guy that he is just nervous and angry about all that has happened. He says that he feels like he has so much to prove in this game and has never wanted anything more in his life than to win the game.

10. At the graveyard with Junior and his parents, why does Junior's dad say, "It's all love and death."?

Junior's dad is making a statement about the simplicity of life by recognizing the need to spend the life we do have loving each other in order to cope and prepare for death. Junior and his parents cry, hug, and recognize how much they love each other in the graveyard after they have all lost so much.

Extra Credit: What is really the biggest difference between Indians and white people according to Junior? [One sentence is okay.]

He says that the biggest difference is the amount of funerals (wakes) that Indians have to attend versus white people because he was fourteen-years-old and already had been to forty-two funerals.