







## Sherman Alexie: The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian: chapters #1-3







### Chapter #1: The Narrator Himself

1. Make a list of the physical problems mentioned. 
2. Explain the title of the chapter. 
3. Explain why the narrator draws cartoons (as well as writes) about himself. 

### Chapter #2: The Parents

1. Write a short summary of what happened to Oscar (40-60 words). Explain what this episode shows us about the living conditions of the narrator and his family, and about the relationship with his parents. 
2. What does the narrator tell us about his parents and their dreams? Study the cartoon on page 15 as well as the text on page 14, line 31, up to the end of chapter 2. 
3. Look at the title of chapter 2, and explain what it means in connection with all you have already found out about this chapter. 

### Chapter #3: The Best Friend (Rowdy)

1. While reading chapter 3, make short notes on Rowdy, his family, and their living conditions. 
2. On the basis of your notes, discuss the friendship between Rowdy and the narrator, concentrating on the question how the two deal with each other, their problems and differences. 
3. Agree on two quotes from the chapter that best illustrate the friendship and explain your choice. 
4. Write down the two quotes you agree on. 

- **Already done?:** „I think the world is a series of broken dams and floods, and my cartoons are tiny little lifeboats“. Explain this metaphor. 