

***Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* - Reading Questions - Chapter 2, 3, and 4**

Chapter Two - Why Chicken Means so Much to Me

- i. In this chapter, Arnold describes the ways poverty sets limits on his life, starting with his parents' experiences and ending with the story of Oscar. He says, "Poverty doesn't give you strength or teach you lessons about perseverance. No, poverty only teaches you how to be poor" (13). To what extent do you agree with him? Use examples from the book or from your own experiences to support your points.

Chapter Three - Revenge is My Middle Name

- ii. Do you have, or have you ever had a friend from whom you were inseparable? Describe that person. Are you still close to that person? If so, how do you spend time together? If not, what led you to separate?

Chapter Four - Because Geometry is Not a Country Somewhere in France

- iii. Why do you think Arnold is so upset about using a thirty-year old geometry book?
- iv. What possible messages does the age of the book send to the students at the school?

