

Dear In-coming Juniors,

For your summer reading, you must read The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian, by Sherman Alexie. This book won the National Book Award and focuses on Junior's (a high school student) navigation through cross-cultural experiences and growing up. The book is written in diary form and Junior explores and understands himself through a self-created comic strip.

You have one assignment to accompany this book: You must create your own comic strip that demonstrates how you understand and make meaning in your world or make sense of some major event in your life. Think about what is important to you and how you have learned about yourself and your world. If you are not artistic, you can use other options for the illustrations in the comic strip. This comic strip must have a title/title box and include a minimum of 10 boxes with text.

Refer to the comic strips in the novel for an example.

This assignment is due the first day of school. You will present and explain your comic strip in class during the first week of school.

There will also be a test on this book during the first couple of weeks of school.

Sincerely,
Ms. Denison and Ms. Moore