

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian: Beyond the novel

Choose one of the tasks below. For either task, write at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of a page.

1. Ten years later: Projecting the characters into the future

How do you imagine Penelope, Rowdy or Junior twenty years in the future? Penelope as a tourist on the Great Wall of China? Rowdy as a basketball pro? Junior as a social scientist?



Illustrate the characters' future lives. Feel free to choose your own scenarios! You may talk about the future of one or multiple character.

Afterwards, **justify** your forecast by giving solid arguments from the novel that prove the likelihood of your future vision.

2. Back at Wellpinit High: Writing a graduation speech

Ten years after Junior left Wellpinit High he returns to his old school to deliver a speech to the graduating class. What is his message to them? What has he done since high school? **Write his speech.**



For further help, check out the link I provided dealing with how to write a great speech (<https://www.lovelearningtutors.com/main-blog/2018/4/30/how-to-write-a-speech-english-gcse-exam>). You might also want to remember what we learned about successful speeches earlier this year (cf. Obama, Gates, Zuckerberg).

Sources

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