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Chapter 26 – Rowdy and I Have a Long and Serious Discussion About Basketball 197-198

1. How does Rowdy's email response make Junior feel and why? What is the significance of this response?

Chapter 27 – Because Russian Guys Are Not Always Geniuses 199-213

1. How does Junior put death in perspective? What traumatic event occurs in Junior's life?

2. Explain how the event happened and tell how the people on the rez reacted. What is the irony?

3. What does Rowdy tell Junior about Mary's death? How does the Reardan community react?

Chapter 28 – Remembering 215-218

1. What happens at the gravesite?

2. What does Junior think of his sister when he describes her as "she went searching for her dreams...she didn't find them, but she made the attempt." What similarity can be made between Mary's and Junior's actions?

3. Explain the context in which Junior now puts his own existence.

Chapter 29 – Talking About Turtles 219-230

1. What memory does Junior share about the rez?

2. What does Junior say about his peers at Reardan?

3. Explain the final exchange that transpires between Junior and Rowdy. What lessons do they each learn?

Overall question

1. In Alexie's book, Junior was certainly not the only person on his reservation to feel trapped, helpless, and hopeless. Why, when others on his reservation have given up, was Junior a survivor? What made him different from the others?