

Dear Incoming Freshmen and Parents of Incoming Freshmen:

The *faculty at Antioch Community High School eagerly anticipates the arrival of our new freshman class. We want to do everything possible to make high school a rewarding experience for both our students and their families.*

We believe that reading is *one of the keys to academic success. To promote reading, we would like the incoming freshmen to read *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie. The English teachers selected this book because it tells an engaging story that raises challenging questions. Students will find the book an entertaining, thought-provoking read.*

The book belongs to the student. Students, please write your name on the book, and as you read, highlight passages that you feel are interesting or reveal important aspects of the characters or themes of the story. After you finish reading the book, respond to **one** of these questions:

- ✓ Choose **three** events throughout the novel that help Junior discover the strength within himself. Give evidence as to why you believe these events helped him grow into the person he becomes.

or

- ✓ Explain **three** important parts from the novel that you found interesting. Give specific examples explaining why they were interesting to you.

Type at least **one double-spaced page** to answer the question. This essay should demonstrate your skills in both writing and reading comprehension. It will be due on the first day of class. Bring the book with you as we will be discussing it.

The freshman English teachers will start the first day of class with this book, so all students should complete the reading and writing assignments before the start of school and bring them to class the first day.

*We encourage parents to join their children and read along. Thank you for completing this work during the summer. If parents or students have any questions, please contact Mr. Nekritz or Mr. Whitehurst. We hope you have a wonderful summer!*

Sincerely,

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