**Name**:

Before, After, During Thinking Guide

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian

Chapters 1-2

***Before***:

1- Look at the front and back cover of the book. Write down words in the boxes describe the covers of the books. Use descriptive language.

2- Read the back blurb about the story. In the boxes labeled “F” put a fact that you know after reading the page. In the boxes labeled “Q” write a question you still have about the fact.

**F**

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**F**

3- Use the vocabulary words in the word bank to make predictions about the book we are reading. You can use the words more than once to make your predictions. Think about how you think the author of the book will use the words in the story. List the words that you think will go with each category of the story structure and then use those words to answer the questions about structure. If there are any words you can’t use because they are too unfamiliar, list those words as *Mystery Words*.

White Indian Bully Friend Fight

Traitor School Drunk Rules Death

Reservation Tradition Forgive Basketball Win

Grandmother Alone Hope Transfer Poor

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| **Setting** | How will the author describe the setting? |
| **Characters** | What predictions can you make about the characters? |
| **Plot** | What will happen in the story? (minimum 2 events) |
| **Mystery** **Words** |  |

**Chapter 1- The Black Eye of the Month Club (pg 1-6)**

***During:***

1- (page 1) What two things are begin compared on this page?

2- What is he trying to show by comparing these two?

3- Using the space below, draw a picture of the narrator. Label your drawing with quotes from the book that explains his appearance. (Minimum of 5 quotes)

4- Explain the title of the first chapter: The Black Eye of the Month Club

5- Why does the narrator like to draw? Give at least 3 reasons.



6- How was the prejudice of the white dentist revealed?

**Chapter 2-** **Why Chicken Means So Much to Me**

7- Respond to this quote from the chapter. “Poverty doesn’t give you strength or teach you lessons about perseverance. No, poverty only teaches you how to be poor.”

8- Fill in the chart over the positives and negative of being poor. You must use at least one example from the text for each side. Then add your own ideas. Write at least three points on each side of the chart.

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| Positives |
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| Negatives |
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9- Why didn’t the narrator blame his father for shooting Oscar?

10- In your opinion, was the father right for shooting the dog? Yes/No? Why?

11- Explain the metaphor used in this chapter: “My mother and father are the twin suns around which I orbit and my world will EXPLODE without them.”

1. What is being compared?

b) How does the comparison explain the relationship between the narrator and his parents?

***After:***

12- Choose one of the following prompts to write about. You need to write a full paragraph for credit. Write about a time when you felt different of like an outsider. Explain what made you feel this way and how you handled the situation. OR…If the world is a flood, what is your life boat? What helps you to still float and said regardless of your surroundings? What saves you from drowning when life is rough?