***The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian***

**Parents as Teachers: Lessons Learned at Home**

The way we are taught to act teaches us our place and significance in the world, and shapes our outlook on life. For example, when Junior asks his grandma to explain his fight with Roger:

Evidence: “‘Why did you punch him?’ she asked.

‘He was bullying me.’

‘You should have just walked away.’

‘He called me “chief.” And “squaw boy.”’

‘Then you should have kicked him in the balls.’” (p. 68)

Meaning/Message communicated:

If someone has more power than you, you should just ignore their personal insults. However, protecting your culture and people (i.e. Roger calling him “‘chief’” and “‘squaw boy’”) requires a personal and painful response (as seen by his grandma’s recommended response). Tribe > You

1. Rowdy’s dad:

Evidence (1-3 quotes, include page number):

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2. Junior/Arnold’s dad:

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3. Penelope’s dad, Earl:

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