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Assignments

Week 4, beginning 9/5/2011:

Tuesday:

- **Writing Lab:** This week you should be finishing Part 1 and starting on Part 2. How are you doing? Are there any issues that we need to discuss?
- Over the weekend I asked you to write a three-paragraph story. I'll collect these and hand back the graded essays on Thursday, which will give us a chance to discuss some of the grammatical issues I'm seeing.
- I also told you that I would treat your bringing Sherman Alexie's *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* to class as a quiz. Do you have it?
- We'll begin our discussion of Sherman Alexie by reading his brief essay, "[Superman and Me.](#)" on how he learned to read and how he tries to help others save their lives.
- We'll then continue our exploration of the checkmark story structure by using it to analyze the beginning of Alexie's novel.

Homework due Thursday:

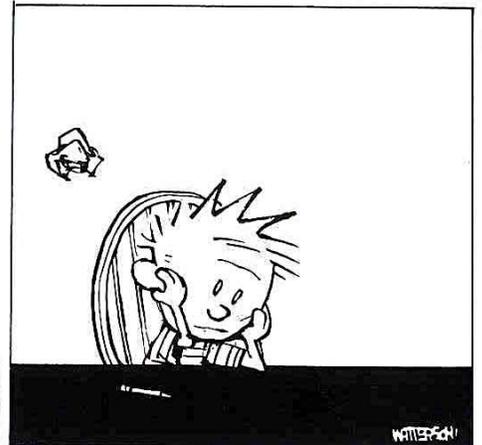
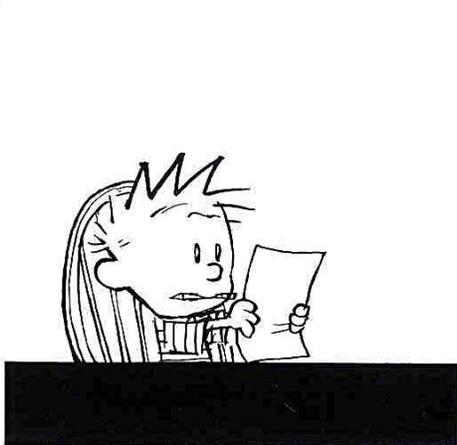
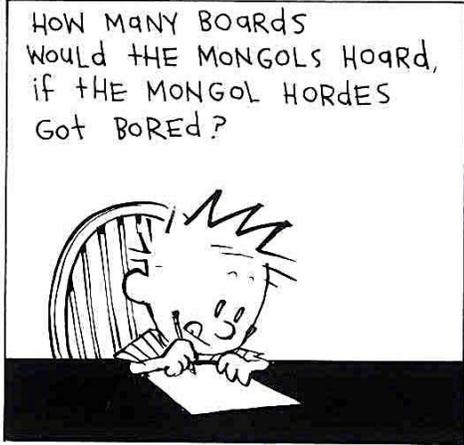
1. **Reading Assignment:** Read the first seven chapters, pages 1 through 53, of Sherman Alexie's *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*.
2. **Journal Assignment:** Use the checkmark story structure to analyze each of these first seven chapters. You may find in some chapters that you will not find all seven plot points – exposition, conflict, complications, turning point, climax, anticlimax and resolution – but you should usually be able to identify the conflict, turning point and resolution. Because this is the first-person account of the character Junior, Arnold Spirit, the plot points will usually apply specifically to Arnold.
3. **Writing Lab:** Work hard!

Thursday:

- I'll hand back your graded essays, and we'll talk grammar and structure.
- I'll give you a quiz to make sure that you've read Alexie's first seven chapters.
- We'll discuss the checkmark-story analysis of each chapter that you did in your journal.

Homework due Tuesday:

1. **Reading Assignment:** Read chapters 8 through 15, pages 54 to 113, in Alexie's *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*.
2. **Journal Assignment:** Use the checkmark story structure to analyze each of these eight chapters.
3. **Writing Assignment:** None.
4. **Writing Lab:** finish Part II as soon as you can so that you can start writing your synthesis essay in Part III.



"Calvin and Hobbes" by Bill Watterson.



YEAH, I
SPENT ALL
LAST EVENING
ON IT. DID
YOU?



15
MINUTES?!!
LET'S
SEE.



"BATS: THE
BIG BUG
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BATS
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