

Name(s) _____

This is what it means to say Phoenix, Arizona

Why do you think nobody listens to Thomas? “Thomas was a storyteller that nobody wanted to listen to. That’s like being a dentist in a town where everybody has false teeth” (61).

Why do you think Alexie says, “Victor felt a sudden need for tradition” (62).

Why do you think Victor beat up Thomas? (65)

Why do you think Victor is embarrassed that Thomas talks to Cathy? (65-6)

Circle one:

Imagine you are on a bus or airplane. Do you:

- a. Talk to the stranger in the seat next to you even if you’ve never met before.
- b. Put in headphones and pretend to be asleep and not speak English

What is the most awkward encounter you’ve ever had with a stranger? (Within reason)

Why do you think Alexie says, “Everybody has dreams about flying. Thomas flew” (70).

Why does Victor think the jackrabbit committed suicide? (72).

Victor and Thomas say “Ya-hey” and “Enit.” What is one word your family says that other people might not understand? What does the word mean?