**Reservation Blues Checklist**

* **Blog Comments…………………………………………….……………………40 points**

Twice a week, I will post a new blog post on the *Reservation Blues* Blog (located on the class web site). To complete this activity, you will need to respond to each post thoughtfully and thoroughly. You may respond to your peers’ comments as well, but make sure you address the questions posed in the post.

* **Motif Tracker……………………………………………...…………………….15 points**

As you go through the text, keep track of a specific motif Alexie utilizes to enhance the themes and ideas of the novel. Using the Motif Tracker handout, you will record occurrences of the motif, textual evidence, and analyze the significance of this motif to the whole novel. To receive full credit for this activity, you need to record at least eight examples of your selected motif.

* **Reading Plans…………………………………………………………………50 points**

Depending on which reading plan you choose, you will earn points in this section for participating effectively in literary discussions, responding thoroughly and thoughtfully to the chapter reflection questions, or writing a thematic paper at the end of the unit.

* **Soundtrack of Your Life……………………………..…………………………10 points**

For this activity, you will be making text-to-self connections by applying analyzing chosen songs and lyrics to tell the story of your life (up to this point), similar to how Alexie incorporates music and lyrics to tell the characters’ stories. More directions to follow.

* **Character Profile………………………………………………………………..10 points**

One of many things Alexie does brilliantly in this novel is his creation of complex, multifaceted characters. For this activity, you will map out the development of one of the characters in the book. More directions to follow.

* **Write-Ins…………………………………………………………………..5 points each**

Similarly to what we have done with other novels in this class, there will be a few occasions where I will ask you to write a brief response to a prompt to create an entrance point into the conversation about the novel.

* **Final Reflection………………………………………………………..………20 points**

After we have finished reading the novel, you will be asked to write a reflection paper analyzing the major themes, ideas, and content of the novel, as well as give your reactions to the piece as a whole. More directions to follow.

* **Miscellaneous Assignments………………………………………………………….TBA**

I reserve the right throughout the reading of this text to assign other, miscellaneous assignments throughout the reading in order to assess your knowledge of the novel.