

Author Sherman Alexie

Title Superman & Me

SOAPStone		
	Analysis	Textual Evidence
Who is the Speaker?	Sherman Alexie; 1st POV, but he briefly & purposefully switches to 3rd POV	¶1: "I learned to read..." ¶5: "An Indian boy teaches himself to read..."
What is the Occasion?	personal narrative; flashback (childhood) to present day ↳ L.A. Times, 1998	¶1: "I was 3 years old, a Spokane Indian boy..." ¶8: a writer; "I visit schools and teach..."
Who is the Audience?	1. marginalized groups (discrimination; inequality) 2. advocates who want to help	¶6: "A smart Indian is a dangerous person." ¶7: "I was never taught how to write..."
What is the Purpose?	1. persuade } others 2. inform } how to read/write; encourage to break boundaries	¶8: "I am trying to save our lives." ¶4: "I am breaking down the door."
What is the Subject?	1. power of learning to read/write 2. overcoming obstacles/perseverance 3. comparison bet. himself & superman	¶8: "They look at me with bright eyes and arrogant wonder." ¶9: "I throw my weight against their locked doors... I am trying to save our lives."
What is the Tone?	1. critical 2. proud 3. encouraged / enthusiastic	