

block #3

Author Sherman Alexie
 Title superman & me

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	Analysis	Textual Evidence
Who is the Speaker?	Sherman Alexie; adopts 3rd POV briefly / purposefully	91: "I learned to read..." 95: "A little Indian boy teaches..."
What is the Occasion?	P, narrative; flashback (childhood) to present day L.A. Times; 1998	91: "I was 3 years old, a Spokane Indian boy..." 98: "I visit schools and teach creative writing..."
Who is the Audience?	1. marginalized groups (discrimination, inequality) 2. advocates who want to help	96: "A smart Indian is a dangerous person..." 99: "I was never taught how to write..."
What is the Purpose?	• persuade • encourage others to break boundaries	99: "... I was trying to save our lives."
What is the Subject?	1. how to overcome obstacles 2. power of reading & writing 3. ext. metaphor - comparison to weight against superman	98: "writing was something beyond Indians." 98: "I throw my weight against their locked doors..."
What is the Tone?	• proud • hopeful / encouraged • critical → sad, etc.	