

Name _____ *Differences in Point of View*

Using Point of View to Create Suspense In **The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian**



Contrary to what you might think from watching blockbuster movies, suspense is more than just the possibility of violence or death; suspense occurs as a result of both a story's structure and its point of view. Think about the book you have just read. Then answer the questions.

1. From what point of view is the story told? _____

2. Who is the point of view character? _____

3. What is Junior afraid of?

4. How much time do you think has passed since the events of the story and the telling of the story? How does the issue of time combined with point of view contribute to the suspense in the story?

5. Choose a scene from the story in which the point of view works to create suspense. Briefly describe the scene. Then explain how the scene is made more suspenseful because of the author's choice of point of view.
