

***Indian Horse* – Richard Wagamese**



WHO LOVES HOCKEY?

“But I knew that loneliness would be dispelled by the sheen of the rink in the sunlight, the feel of cold air on my face, the sound of a wooden stick shuffling frozen rubber” (73).

Saul had a connection with hockey the second he learned what it was. By the end of chapter 24, you should have a sense of the impact it had on his life at that time. Research the reason why hockey has such an impact on people, specifically Canadian people.

The Steps:

- 1) Go to the website <http://rightojibwe.blogspot.ca/2011/03/hockey-part-of-indian-reserves.html> which is a blog called *Native Perspective and Ojibway Confessions*. Read the blog entry and think about how that connects with what you have read so far.
- 2) Start looking at what other websites say about hockey and its impact on Canadians. Why do we go crazy for hockey?
- 3) **Write a journal entry** about what you have learned. You need to incorporate at least one quote into this response from a website. See the example below on referencing to determine how to do this.

Example of how to put a quote in your essay:

Saul knows that fighting back against those who are taunting the team is not appropriate way to handle the situation, however, he also knows that it will not go away: “I didn’t want the Moose to fail. I didn’t want them coming back defeated, bearing the memory of a battle they’d never had a chance to win” (Wagamese 120).



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – CHAPTERS 25-36 (PAGES 99-157)

- 1) In Chapter 29, the Kapuskasing Chiefs challenge The Moose to a hockey game. Why do you think they did this? Why did Saul feel uncomfortable agreeing to do so?

- 2) Examine the following quotations carefully, and explain why they are significant in the story.

Quotation	Significance in the story
"The Moose went from jubilant boys to hard, taciturn men in no time at all" (131).	Why?
"We crossed a line. Their line. They figure they got the right to make us pay for that" (136).	What line?
"I knew my team wanted me to buckle. They wanted me to bare my fists and fight. But I would not do that" (143).	Why?

- 3) This section ends with Saul drafted to the Toronto Marlboros. What is one prediction you can make about how this will affect Saul?