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4. Based on that background information, what are some possible figurative meanings of calling something such as a basketball game a "war"?

5. In the final stanza of the poem, Alexie names two reasons why the boys play basketball. What are those two reasons?

6. What is the literal meaning of keeping score in a basketball game?

NOTE TO STUDENT

The Spokane tribe is a Native American tribe with a rich history. The Spokane once had several million acres of land in what are now the states of Washington and Idaho. Today, the Spokane tribe has approximately 3,000 members and a reservation in Washington state.

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