COLLEGE PREP ETHNIC STUDIES

WEEK 12 PACKET

CHAPTERS 22-24 (PAGES 152-178): WHY CAN GRANDMOTHER FORGIVE THE MAN WHO KILLED HER, AND HOW MIGHT GRANDMA'S WISDOM BE USEFUL TO JUNIOR?

November 9-13, 2026

The week at a glance

DAY / DATE	OUR WORK
Monday Nov. 9	**Who has Junior's back?** Discuss with textual evidence (15 minutes). Then Lexile Lab / Freckle (45 minutes).
Tuesday Nov. 10	**Chapters 22-23 (pp. 152-168).** Use Tuesday's organizer to trace Grandmother's values. Complete Reading Coach.
Wednesday Nov. 11	**Chapter 24 (pp. 169-178).** Track Junior's struggles and consider how Grandma's wisdom might help him. Complete the organizer.
Thursday Nov. 12	**Reading Quiz.** Then connect your evidence with the Aim-planning map and review your Week 11 feedback.
Friday Nov. 13	**Aim Response.** Explain Grandmother's forgiveness and how her wisdom might help Junior. Apply your Week 11 feedback.

Words of the Week

Use the space for a meaning, sketch, or connection to the reading.

TOLERANCE

noun

Grandmother's **tolerance** helps explain why she welcomes people whom others avoid.

ANTHROPOLOGIST

noun

Ted trusts an **anthropologist's** claim, but Mom checks it against what she knows.

GRIEF / GRIEVE

noun / verb

The mourners can laugh together while they are still **grieving**.

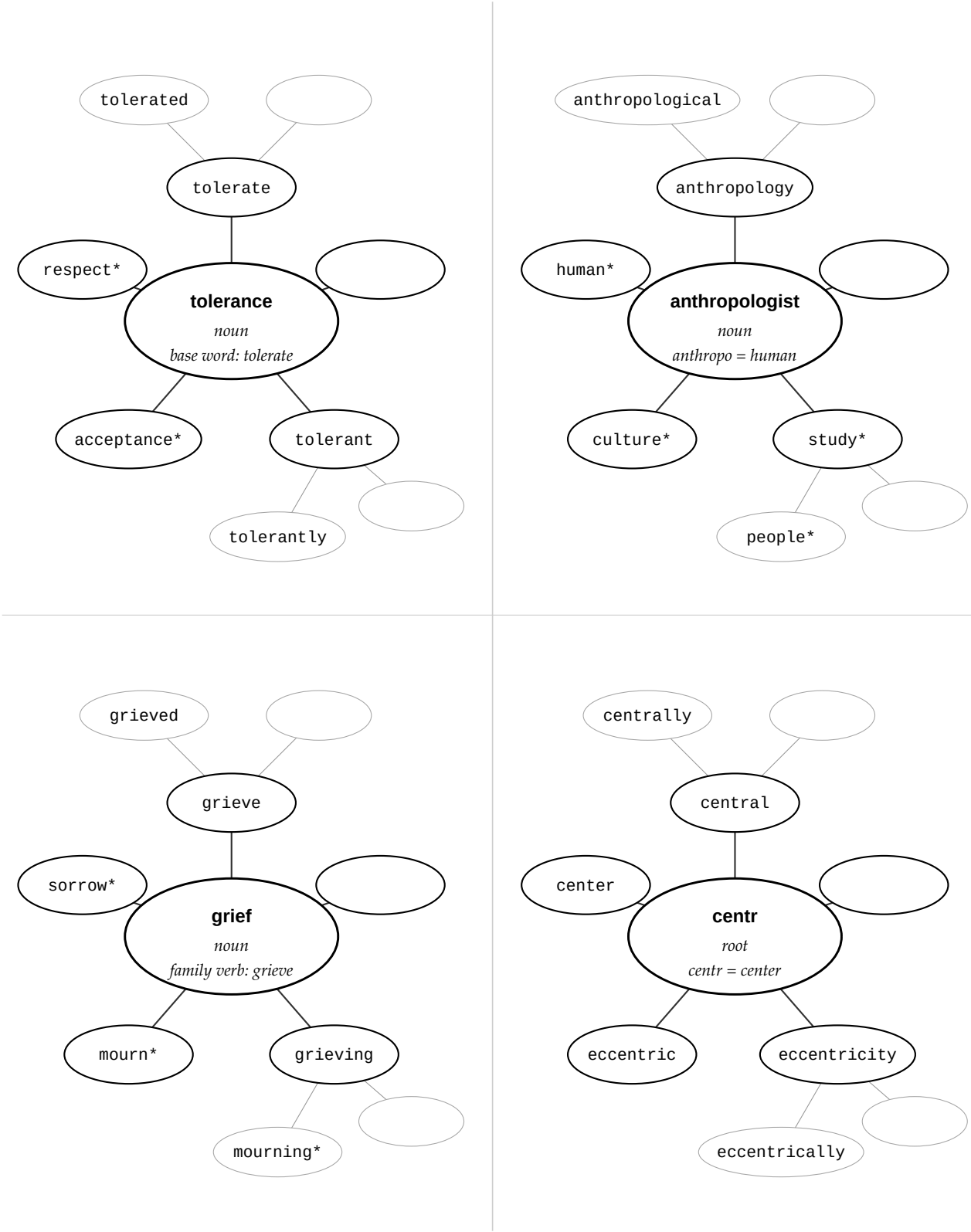
CENTR: ECCENTRICITY

root / noun

An **eccentric** gesture may attract attention; evidence matters to its **central** claim.

Word Family Clusters

Trace the word family from the center. Add family forms or related ideas to the empty bubbles.
A star (*) marks a related meaning; it does not make that word a root-family form.



Tuesday: Grandmother's wisdom

Ch. 22 "Red Versus White" (pp. 152-158) / Ch. 23 "Wake" (pp. 159-168)

Read the assigned book selections. Use short notes in this organizer.

HER WAY OF SEEING PEOPLE	HER RESPONSE TO HARM
1 / WHAT HAPPENS? How does Grandmother treat people who are different from her?	**1 / WHAT HAPPENS?** What does she ask her family to do after the accident?
2 / MY EVIDENCE Copy a short quotation that shows her tolerance. (Alexie _____)	**2 / MY EVIDENCE** Copy a short quotation that shows her response to harm. (Alexie _____)
3 / WHAT IT SHOWS What belief about people does her habit reveal?	**3 / WHAT IT SHOWS** Why does this request fit the way she lived?

Think further: What could Junior learn from her about anger, blame, and other people?

Wednesday: living with grief

Ch. 24 “Valentine Heart” (pp. 169-178)

Read with Grandma's wisdom in mind. What might help Junior face his grief? Use short notes.

1 / GRIEF

What hurts Junior? What does he blame himself for?

2 / SUPPORT

How do Gordy and the classmates have his back?

3 / COPING

How do lists, writing, and drawing help him?

A MOMENT WHEN JUNIOR NEEDS WISDOM

Choose one struggle from this chapter. Copy a short quotation that shows it.

Class-copy page: _____

HOW GRANDMA'S WISDOM MIGHT HELP

What might her wisdom help Junior do or understand in this moment? Explain your connection.

Build an answer to both questions

A sequence of reasons is stronger than a list of events.

Use notes and phrases to plan each side. Then connect your reasons in one claim.

WHY CAN GRANDMOTHER FORGIVE?

Connect her values with her final request

HOW MIGHT HER WISDOM HELP JUNIOR?

Connect a lesson with a struggle he faces

ACTION OR HABIT FROM THE TEXT

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SHORT QUOTATION + PAGE

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WHY THIS SUPPORTS MY ANSWER

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MY CLAIM / CONNECT THE TWO SIDES

Grandmother can forgive because _____. Her wisdom might help Junior _____ when he _____.

Test your claim: How could her wisdom help even while Junior's grief and problems remain?

The Writing Rubric

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POINTS

Eight points for the required moves. Two points for how much your argument builds.

Eight points for doing it

REQUIREMENT	WHAT COUNTS	CHECK	PTS
Words of the Day	All four weekly families, used meaningfully in sentences. Suffix changes and shared roots count.	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ *0.5 each*	2
Appositives	Two noun phrases between commas that rename the noun before them.	☐ ☐ *1 each*	2
Quotes	Two exact quotes in quotation marks: one about Grandmother, one about Junior. Cite pages: (Alexie 157).	☐ ☐ *1 each*	2
Explanation & Analysis	After each quote, explain what it says and what it shows about your answer.	☐ ☐ *1 per quote*	2

Two points for how much it builds

0 / PIECES STAND ALONE	1 / BUILDS IN PLACES	2 / BUILDS THROUGHOUT
The pieces are there, but each sentence stands alone.	Some sentences move the answer forward; others only fill a slot.	Your reasons connect Grandmother's values, her forgiveness, and Junior's struggles.

Development is scored against your growth. Half points are possible.

The Development Toolkit

BASICS

But adds a contrast.
So shows a result.
Because gives a reason.

CONDITIONALS

If names a condition.
Unless means if not.
When names a situation.

FANCY BUTS

Despite + noun phrase.
Although + subject + verb.
However starts a sentence.