Discussion Questions for Reservation Blues by Sherman Alexie
(Some questions taken or adapted from http://www.howardcc.edu.)

Discussion Questions

1. Is the book’s title a good one?

2. Did you find the characters believable? Which of the characters did you like the most? Which did you dislike?

3. Did you find the dialog in the story realistic?

4. What, if anything, did you learn about life on a reservation? Do you think the portrayal is accurate?

5. What did you think of the plot line development? How credible did the author make the plot?

6. How do music and religion shape the book? What is the role of the guitar in the book?

7. What is the significance of dreams throughout the book?

8. What sets Thomas Builds-the-Fire apart from the other Native Americans introduced in the first chapter? How does Thomas Builds-the-Fire change during the course of the book?

9. Were there any passages or scenes that you remember well or particularly liked?

10. Has anyone had any experiences that relate to places or experiences in the book?

11. Any comments about the way the book ended?

12. Would you recommend this novel to a friend?

13. Are there any questions you would like to ask?