

question	answer	page
Who is the author of Rez Dogs?	Joseph Bruchac	cover
What is the name of the main character, a girl who went to visit her grandparents?	Malian	vi
What was the old word for wolf?	Malsum	vi
What does 'kwai' mean?	hello	vi
What was different about Malian's dog from wolves?	It had white spots over each eye	2
What did Grandma Frances call Malsum?	Four-eyed dog	2
What was Malian's grandma's name?	Martha Frances	2 & 21
What was Malian's grandpa's name?	Roy	4
Why did Malian have to stay longer with her grandparents and couldn't go home to her parents at the end of the weekend?	The Covid pandemic had begun	5
Where did Malian's name come from?	It was how the older Penacook people pronounced her name, Mary Ann	8
What did Malian's grandpa usually do right after he tapped his index finger on his chin?	Told a story	10
What was the name of Malian's grandpa who left a knife behind at the falls?	Red Hawk	10
What did Grandpa Red Hawk say he saw when he went back to the falls to get his knife?	Dogs dressed up in their clothes, walking around on their hind legs, pretending to be people	12
What did the story mean to Grandpa Red Hawk?	Dogs could live fine without humans...humans were lucky they chose to live with us.	12

What did Grampa Roy say was different about how people on the rez treated dogs from how people in the city treated them?	They didn't walk them around on leashes	13
In what city did Malian live with her parents?	Boston, Massachusetts	15
How old was Malian when she went to Boston for the first time?	Five	15
What was Malian's dad's name?	Thomas	15
What did Malian wear to school?	A Catholic school uniform	16
What was the name of Roy and Martha Frances's mail carrier?	Al	21
What did Al, the mail carrier, do so he wouldn't have to get near Malian?	He balanced the package on top of the mailbox	21
What was inside the package Al delivered to Malian at her grandparents' place?	Eight packages of cookies	22
Who called Malian at midnight?	Darrell Muskwas	25
What did Darrell Muskwas and his two best friends, twins Abel and Mark Glossian, call themselves?	The Three Muskrateers	25
What does Darrell's last name, Muskwas, mean in Wabanaki?	muskrat	27
Who is the author of The Three Musketeers?	Alexander Dumas	27
What does Tabat mean?	Stop	27
Why did Darrel, Abel, and Mark call Malian 'Macintosh'?	It meant the insulting slang word, 'apple', a person who looked like an Indian on the outside but acted white on the inside.	29
Why did the Three Muskrateers need Malian's help?	They were stuck up in the old ash tree across the road from her house because the dog, Malsum, was growling at them.	30

Why weren't the Three Muskrateers very worried about getting sick with Covid-19?	They heard on the news that kids didn't get it.	34
What did Malian say about kids getting Covid-19?	It wasn't as serious as it was for adults, but they could pass the sickness on to their elders.	35
What was the name of Malian's teacher?	Ms. Mendelson	40
Why did Malian always turn her work in before other students?	To contradict the stereotype of being a lazy indian.	40
What does 'Mitsi da' mean?	Want to eat?	41
What does Ktsi wliwini mean?	Thanks so much	45
What does Nakomis mean?	Grandma	45
What was the name of the little people who are guardians of the natural world?	Manogies	45
What is frybread made from?	White flour, lard, and sugar	48
Why didn't Malian's mom grow up eating frybread?	She was taken away by social services when she was little because they said her parents were unfit.	50
What did people on the rez do when they saw people from social services coming?	Hid their kids	50
Who dragged Malian's grandparents away from their families when they were little?	Indian School Attendance Officers	51
What white American philosopher did Malian's grandma quote?	Henry David Thoreau	51
What did Henry David Thoreau say you should do if someone comes to your house to do good for you?	Leave out the back door.	51
In what part of the United States did Henry David Thoreau live?	New England	52

Why didn't Henry David Thoreau write a book about the New England Indians as he had planned?	He died young.	52
Who was Henry David Thoreau's Penobscot Indian guide?	Joe Polis - Malian's great-great-great-grandfather	53
Where did Malian's mom end up after the social workers took her from her parents	In foster care	53
What was the name of the white family who finally adopted Malian's mom?	George and Ethel Winton	55
How old was Malian's mom when George and Ethel Winton, her adoptive parents, died?	twenty-one	55
Where did Malian's parents meet each other?	At a Penacook festival	57
What did Malian's dad say about her mom when he met her?	She looked like Indian Miss America but talked like a Valley girl	57
Where was Malian's usual spot to sit at her grandparents?	On the front porch steps	59
Who lived in the nearest house to Malian's grandparents, 100 yards away?	The Sabattis family	59
What had Malian heard about the dogs that pulled sleds in the Iditarod, the annual race in Alaska?	Many of the dogs had wolf in them.	61
What animals did Malsum catch and bring back to Malian and her grandparents?	A partridge and a snowshoe rabbit	63
What did Malian's grandma Frances do before cooking the partridge and rabbit that Malsum brought to them?	She thanked the dog for the gift	63
What had been the name of Malian's grandparents' last dog that they had for 14 years?	Willow	63

Where did Malian's people believe spirits went after death?	The Sky Road	63
What did Malian read in the Indian Country Today e-newsletter?	Native people had the highest rates of infections and deaths from Covid, especially on the Navajo reservation in the west.	66
Who did some Native Americans help in the 19th century by sending money?	Irish people suffering the potato famine	66
What did the Irish people do in the city of Dublin to thank the Native Americans?	They put up a statue to thank them	66
What did Grandma Frances say dogs were the only animals to do?	Live with human beings, walking beside them	68
What did Malian learn about in biology class that existed in the Pleistocene Era?	megafauna	69
Who did Malian's grandmother say Gluskonba was?	The first one shaped like a human being and given power to change things and make them better.	69
Why didn't the big animals like the bear and moose want to join Gluskonba?	They wanted to destroy all human beings	71
What did Gluskonba do to the bears and moose when they said they wanted to destroy humans?	He shrunk them down to their current size	71
Who was the most dangerous of all the animals to the humans?	Mikwe, the red squirrel	71
How big was Mikwe, the red squirrel?	As big as three elephants	71
What did the deer and rabbits say they would do when they saw humans?	Run away	73
What did the dogs tell Gluskonba they would do when they met the humans?	Hunt and run by their sides, live in their homes, watch over them, play with their children and be their friends.	73

What did the name <i>Gluskonba</i> gave to the dogs, <i>Alemos</i> , mean?	The one who walks with us	74
What does <i>Nialach</i> mean?	So it is	74
What handcraft did <i>Malian's</i> grandma teach her how to do?	beading	76
Where did <i>Malian's</i> grandma win blue ribbons for beading?	At powwows	76
What TV show did <i>Malian</i> and her grandparents binge watch all the seasons of?	Star Trek (the original one)	80
Which Star Trek was <i>Malian's</i> and her grandparents' favorite?	The Next Generation	80
Where did <i>Gluskonba</i> go after finishing doing things for humans?	To a hidden island	81
What did <i>Gluskonba</i> say he would do for anyone who could reach his secret island?	Grant them one wish	81
How good was the great woodcarver that went to find <i>Gluskonba's</i> hidden island?	If you put a wooden turtle he had carved onto the ground it would walk away	81
What was the name of <i>Malian's</i> PE teacher in Boston?	Mr. Radgood	83
What did <i>Malian's</i> PE teacher in Boston, Mr. Radgood, always say?	Only boring people get bored	83
What was number 14 on <i>Malian's</i> to-do list?	Trim my right big toenail	85
Why did the Three Muskrateers pick the lock on the gym door?	So they could play basketball there at night	85
What job did <i>Maryagnes Polis</i> do?	She was the school's head cook	85
What did the words on the side of the white van say that came to <i>Malian's</i> grandparents' house?	Official Government	86
What did <i>Malian</i> say when the social services woman tell her to call off her dog?	Not my dog...he belongs to himself	90

What reason did the blonde social worker give for coming to Malian's grandparents' house?	To make sure it was a fit environment for her to be in	90
What did Malian's grandmother always say about any food she served?	It was good for what ailed you	95
Who shot the moose that Malian and her grandparents ate for dinner?	Malian's great-uncle Philip	95
In the story Malian's grandmother told, what happened to the bull moose that took the pipe?	He was suddenly out of the lodge, running through the snow, with a man pursuing him to hunt him	101
What did Malian's great uncle Philip offer in thanks to the moose he shot?	Tobacco	102
Where did Malsum rest at night and in stormy weather?	Under the porch	105
What did Penacooks call early spring snow because it fertilized the ground?	White manure	107
Why did Malian's grandparents cover the mulch in the garden with black plastic?	To break it down into dark earth when it got warm	107
What was the first thing to be planted in Malian's grandparents' garden?	potatoes	107
Where did Malian's grandpa say the potatoes came from?	The Andean people in the mountains of South America	107
What was the problem with Irish potatoes that resulted in a famine?	They only had one type of potato	109
Where is Disney World?	Florida	109
Which story did the rain remind Grandpa Roy of?	The story of the good planter	114
What does Notkikad mean?	The planter	114
What happened one year to the planter's crops?	The died from frost, then from heat, and then birds ate his seeds	114
What did the good planter hear in his dream after he said a prayer of thanks to the Creator?	A voice saying it would give him a gift of new seeds and a special time to plant them	115

Where did the good planter find the new good seeds?	At the foot of his bed	115
What is Nibun Alnoba?	A person's summer, also called Indian Summer	117
What did the Penacooks call a rainbow?	The coat worn by the rain	119
What did almost every man in Penacook look like in the late 1800s?	They had big mustaches	122
What did the boys have to do when they were in the Indian School?	Cut their hair short and dress in uniforms	122
What did Malian's grandmother tell her about her great-great-grandfather whose photo was in the photo album?	He was a chief and an author	122
What did an ethnologist decide about the Wabanakis people?	They were all anal-retentive	124
What was Malian's grandfather wearing in the photo of him in the photo album?	A military uniform	125
Which character in a story did Malian remind her grandparents of?	The Woman Who Walks Alone	127
What souvenirs did the nuns leave Malian's grandfather from the school?	All his knuckles had been broken from Sister Anna Louise hitting them with a ruler	130
What did Malian's grandparents call her father when he was born because they were both 40?	Miracle baby	130
Why were the people in the Indian Health Services upset when Malian's father was born?	They thought they had sterilized her grandmother so she wouldn't have any more children	132
How did the Indian Health Service get away with sterilizing women without their knowledge?	At the free clinics they offered to do full health checkups, put them under anesthesia, and sterilized them	132



What did Malian see with her great-great-grampa, Arthur Bowman, in the photo from 1918?	His dog named Wolf	133
Where was Malian's great-great-grampa, Arthur Bowman, when he named another dog Wolf Two?	In France when he was in the army	135
Who was 6'10" and drove a tribal police car?	Sergeant Ed	139
Why did Sergeant Ed stop by Malian's grandparents' house?	The state health service lady complained about Malsum, the dog.	142
What did Sergeant Ed say about how Malsum looked?	Dogs with two white spots over his eyes like he had were called four-eyed dogs and were medicine animals.	142
Who did Sergeant Ed say was the best fry bread cook, other than Malian's grandma?	His aunt Gertrude	144
Why were the tribal police able to make a roadblock and turn cars away?	Their treaty said they had the right to enforce traffic on any road that went through the reservation.	146
What kind of pies did Grandma Frances make?	Rhubarb pies	150
How large was Malian's grandparents' garden?	30 feet long, 12 feet wide	152
What were Malian and her classmates originally assigned to write about in their essays?	What was going on in the world during the Covid-19 pandemic.	155
What did Malian's grandpa put in the garden to use as stools or tables?	Cedar stumps	155
What did Malian's Grampa Roy say about how many people lived in the land now called the United States at the time Columbus arrived?	The U.S. history books said two or three million, but there were twenty times that many (40 to 60 million people)	157

What kinds of diseases killed millions of Native Americans when the white people first came?	Measles, whooping cough, influenza, and smallpox	157
What did Grampa Roy think Malian should entitle her essay?	Been There, Done That	157
What happened when Malian first told her 8th grade teacher, Ms. Mendelson, about Indian Health Services sterilizing women without their consent or knowledge?	She didn't believe at first, until she researched it on the Internet	158
What did Ms. Mendelson find in her research about Vermont in the 1930s?	They had a Eugenics Project set up to sterilize people they considered unfit.	160
What group based some of their ideas on the Eugenics Project of Vermont?	The Nazis in Germany	160
Why did the research about forced sterilization impact Ms. Mendelson personally?	Her own Jewish grandmother was a Holocaust survivor that had been imprisoned in a concentration camp.	160
What personal story did Ms. Mendelson tell her class that she felt ashamed about?	She saw a Black man wearing a hoodie following her through the park and she got scared and ran and fell down, only to realize he was one of her former students and came after her to return her phone she dropped on the bus.	163
What did Ms. Mendelson's reaction to the Black man following her make her realize?	She didn't think she was racist, but something deep inside her made her afraid of people whose skin was different from hers.	165
What was the name of Ms. Mendelson's former student who returned her phone to her in the park?	Rodney	165
What did Ms. Mendelson say she was apologizing to her class for?	Not being a better teacher	165

What topic did Ms. Mendelson change the essay prompt to?	For students to share whatever they wanted the class to know about them and their family.	165
What did Malian say to Ms. Mendelson when she was asked if she would be nervous being the last one to present her essay?	Waiting is something you get used to when you're Native American	169
Who had the longest genealogy in Malian's class, going back 2,010 years?	Francine Woo	171
Where had Francine Woo's family moved to Boston from?	San Francisco	171
Where did Francine Woo's father go to look up their family history?	The archives in Beijing, China	171
What did Francine Woo say about the genealogical records her dad found in the Beijing archives?	They only listed the male heads of the families and what scores they had on their examinations	173
What did the colonial government offer reward money (bounties) for about 200 years ago?	Indian scalps	173
What did Malian tell her class about her family?	She told about her own mom being taken from her parents, her grandparents being sent to boarding schools where they were forbidden to speak their native language and to be embarrassed about their culture.	174
Who did Malian say were the only ones who should feel guilty about the past?	The ones not doing anything about the present.	176
What odd thing happened while Malian was telling her family story in a video conference with her class?	Malsum (the dog) came inside for the first time, stood up on his hind legs and put his paws on Malian's shoulders.	176
What did the story say the Creator made human beings of so they would be strong?	stone	176

Why did the Creator break up all the first people who were made of stone?	They only cared about themselves and they crushed everything in their path.	176
What were the second human beings made of so their hearts would always be growing and they would be connected?	Ash trees	176
What did Malian's grandparents and Malsum (the dog) do being Malian while she told her family's story in the video conference with her class?	They all knelt on one knee	178
What does Wlipamkaani, nidobak mean in the old Wabanaki language?	Have a good journey, my friends	179
What happened when Malian told Malsum her parents said he could come home with her and stay with them?	He ran off into the woods.	183