

**“Because Geometry is not a Country Somewhere near France” &  
“Hope Against Hope”**



**Discussion Questions:**

1. Why is Junior so upset that his Geometry book was his mother's?  
Does he have a right to be upset?
2. Mr. P tells Junior, *“All these kids have given up. All your friends. All the bullies. And their mothers and fathers have given up, too. And their grandparents gave up and their grandparents before them. And me and every other teacher here. We're all defeated.”* (42)
  - a. Why do you think that everyone on the Reservation has given up?
  - b. Why do you think that Junior still has hope?
3. On page 43, Mr. P tells Junior, *“If you say on this Rez, they're going to kill you. I'm going to kill you. We're all going to kill you. You can't fight us forever.”*
  - a. What does he mean by this?
  - b. Do you think that Mr. P's prediction is correct?
  - c. Does Junior really need to take his hope, “and go somewhere where other people have hope,” (43) to survive?