

Friend or Foe
Study Guide

Who wrote “The Day the Cisco Kid Shot John Wayne”?

Identify the following characters:

Narrator

Los Indios

Chango

Denver

The Cisco Kid

Anglos

Who challenges the narrator on the playground?

How does the narrator win Chango’s respect?

What do Los Indios do for entertainment on Saturdays?

What is the narrator’s “assignment” at the movies?

What kinds of characters do the boys cheer for in movies?

What kinds of characters do they dislike?

What nickname do Los Indios give Denver? How do they treat him? Be specific.

What embarrassing situation do the narrator's parents force him into with Denver?

Who wrote "Grover Dill and the Tasmanian Devil"?

What is the weather like in Northern Indiana?

To what animal does the narrator compare his violent streak?

Who is Grover Dill?

Who wins the fight between Dill and Ralph?

Why does Ralph feel ashamed and afraid after the fight?

Why doesn't Ralph's mother tell his father what really happened at the fight?

Who wrote "The Euphio Question"?

Identify:

Lew Harrison

Dr. Fred Bockman

Narrator

Describe the gadget the narrator referred to at the beginning of the story.

What does the gadget do?

What are the effects of the machine?

Why does the narrator say he is "scared stiff" at the bottom of pg. 223?

Do you think Fred and the narrator were correct in rushing to disconnect the euphio on pg. 227? Give reasons for your answer.

What is the euphio question? Why is the narrator testifying before the Federal Communications Commission?

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Be prepared to discuss the conflicts the characters in these stories experience when trying to decide their friends and foes.