

**ACROSTIC BOOK TITLE**  
**Example for the novel *Flight* by Sherman Alexie**  
**(last ¼ of the novel)**

**F**ather. In the most unpredictable plot twist, Zits' final jump was into the body of his own alcoholic father, drunk on the street in downtown Seattle, attacking tourists and being attacked, much like Zits throughout his life and certainly during his time travels. In this scene Zits learns his father carries a picture of him and his mother; and that he seems powerless to help himself against the disease, especially since the chapter ends with him yelling "I ain't worth sh\*t."

**L**earned. In the last fourth of the book, Zits recalls how he learned to "stop crying/learned how to hide inside myself/learned how to be somebody else/learned how to be cold and numb" and so on. He recalls the sexual abuse that led him down the path of violence and self-hatred. Ironically, he also learns a lot on his time jumps, leading him to a new version of himself. A version he gets to choose.

**I**ntimacy. Zits fear of intimacy is a major issue for his personal development. He has been betrayed in very intrusive and violent ways. Against those odds and having every reason to hate, he learns to trust again with his new family at the end of the novel.

**U**Gly. After months of counseling, social work, and mental therapy, Zits lands in a new but permanent home. Mary offers help with his acne. Zits' reply is I know I'm ugly, but she shoots that down and says to apply the skin care stuff and in a few weeks he'll be like new and she hugs him. He can't believe it. It feels great because he hasn't been hugged like that since his mother died.

**H**amlet. After Zits jumps out of his father's body, he is absolutely shocked and asks "Who can survive such a revelation?" meaning the revelation that the drunk homeless Indian was his father. He refers to Hamlet in the Shakespeare play because Hamlet was killed on his own poisonous sword meant for another who killed his father. He wonders if Hamlet could have survived looking into the mirror at the face of the man who murdered his father.

**T**errorist. Zits is in the body of Jimmy, a pilot, who didn't know it at the time, but was teaching a terrorist how to fly planes and was eventually involved in the fictional terrorist attack on downtown Chicago (alluding to the 9-11 attacks in NYC). Jimmy's pain of betrayal matches those felt by Zits throughout his life.