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Writing Response
Choose ONE of the following quotes from Sherman Alexie's "Superman and Me."
• "I refused to fail. I was smart. I was arrogant. I was lucky."
"I read with equal parts joy and desperation."
 "Despite all the books I read, I am still surprised I became a writer." "I throw my weight against their locked doors. The doors hold. I am smart. I am arrogant. I am lucky. I am trying to save our lives."
In one or two paragraphs, interpret and explain the impact of the chosen quote in the context of Alexie's essay. Analyze how the quote contributes to the development of Alexie's purpose and the central idea of the text. Use complete sentences with correct grammar and spelling.

"Superman and Me" Figurative Meanings

Directions: The following phrases from "Superman and Me" by Sherman Alexie each contain figurative meanings. As you read through Sherman Alexie's life, paraphrase/translate the meaning of each sentence and explain its importance in his life.

1.	"We were poor by most standards, but one of my parents usually managed to find some minimum-wage job or another, which made us middle-class by reservation standards."
2.	"We lived on a combination of irregular paychecks, hope, fear, and government surplus food."
3.	"My father loved books, and since I loved my father with an aching devotion, I decided to love books as well."
4.	"I didn't have the vocabulary to say 'paragraph', but I realized that a paragraph was a fence that held words."

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