



We Are Water Protectors

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We Are Water Protectors author Carole Lindstrom is a citizen of the Turtle Mountain Band of Ojibwe, located in North Dakota. The illustrator, Michaela Goade, was raised in Southeast Alaska, home of the Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian tribes. Together they share their passion for protecting the Earth and remind us that we all are responsible for caring for the planet for our future.

READ

Before: Introduce the book and tell the children a little bit about it. Follow with a comment or question that is related to the story such as, *what do you think this story is about?* Encourage a discussion so the children can comment, ask questions, and express their feelings.

During: Encourage the children to comment on the illustrations, ask questions, and predict what will happen next in the story. Children gain confidence and a sense of achievement through being able to correctly predict how a story will end. Point out "rare words" (e.g., those words that are not commonly used in everyday conversation) and help the children relate the meaning in a way that makes sense to them.

Key Words

foretold - to describe something before it happens

village - a small town

courage - the ability to do something you know is difficult or dangerous

rally - a public meeting to support or oppose something

stewards - people whose job is to manage the land and property of another person

humanitarian - a person who works to make other people's lives better

- After:**
- What is the first medicine according to Nokmis?
 - What is the black snake, and how would it wreck everything in its path?
 - What happens to the water when the black snake arrives?
 - What will it take to keep the black snake away from the village and protect the water and the land?
 - Who did they fight for that could not fight for themselves?
 - Who are the stewards of the Earth?
 - Do you think this is just a Native American issue, or is this a humanitarian issue?
 - Will you be a water protector?



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Research! Check out these fun and helpful videos to find facts about Standing Rock you can share with your students.

https://kids.kiddle.co/Standing_Rock_Indian_Reservation

Watch The Water: Looking after our planet:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bGWr5jXJfbs>



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