

- 1) Chief Dan George says that he “was born into a culture that lived in communal houses.” (Section 1) What specific claims is he making about the positive impacts that these communal houses had on his people? What is your point of view?

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- 2) There are many references to “love” in this text. The concept of love seems very important. In your words, explain the claims that Chief Dan George is making about the connection of love and humanity.

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- 3) What section do you see a tone of disappointment in the white culture or puzzlement about his “white brother?” Find exact words that match these tones and explain why George is disappointed or puzzled.

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- 4) Read over section 7. Refer to your list of concept words. What concept word or words would you match to this section. Why? Discuss the meaning of the extended simile in this section: “My culture is like a wounded deer that has crawled away into the forest to bleed and die alone.” What is he saying by this?

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- 5) Go to Section (6). Chief Dan George says, "I am afraid my culture has little to offer yours...." Read the rest of the section and discuss the kind of tone George is using. What is he insinuating about the "white culture" in this section through that tone. What makes it difficult for him to relate to this dominant "white culture?"

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- 6) Go to section (3) of the text. In this section Chief Dan George states that his father was disappointed in him when he was caught gaffing for fish "just for the fun of it." His father says to him, "The Great Spirit gave you those fish to be your brothers, to feed you when you are hungry. You must respect them. You must not kill them just for the fun of it." Discuss this quote with your group. How does this quote relate to the ideals of Native American culture and what concept words would you match to this?

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