Key vocabulary and phrases

Ancestors – family or people who have lived before us

Commanding – dominating and powerful

Civilisation – a group of people who live in a certain area that have their own way of life and culture

Commissioner – a leader who has been appointed to carry out an important role

Prairie – a vast open grassland, usually without trees

Presence – being present in a place or thing

Resounding – loud and booming

Tracts – large area of land

"We did not weave the web of life.

We are merely a strand in it.

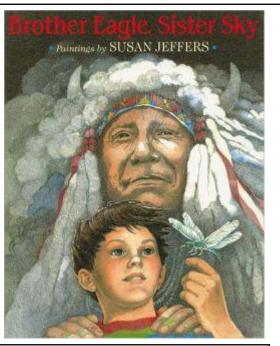
Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves."

"The earth does not belong to us, we helping to the earth."

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What can the book teach us

To be in touch with nature.

To protect and take care of the land for future generations

Context

Nearly 150 years ago, Chief Seattle, a respected and peaceful leader of one of the Northwest Indian Nations, delivered a message to the government in Washington who wanted to buy his people's land.

Writing focus

Setting description; using figurative language and expanded non phrases

Newspaper report: showing different points of view, using direct speech

Important information

Theme: Learning that the tradition of the Native American people is to be at one with nature. Their culture is to pass down their ideals through word of mouth from their family.

Themes: non-fiction; Historical speech

Settings: Northwest Indian Nations & Washington 150 years ago