

We Are Water Protectors

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Year

2020

Genre

Realistic Fiction

Suggested Grade Level

Preschool, Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th

Cultural Experience

American Indian

"Water is the first medicine. It affects and connects us all."

Content Area Connections:

Language Arts: Analyze how words and illustrations together convey meaning or theme, identify figurative language, engage in collaborative discussions about environmental themes and indigenous voices, create a persuasive piece advocating for environmental stewardship

Social Studies: Water rights, environmental justice, indigenous sovereignty

Science: Water cycles, ecosystems, conservation, climate systems

Social Emotional Learning (SEL): Responsible decision-making, collective action, advocacy, respect for community values

Art: Symbolism in illustrations, watercolor

Primary Source Connection:

- Photographs and stories from real Water Protectors
[NPR article on Standing Rock Water Protectors](#)
- [Youtube Video of Standing Rock Youth Council's intervention at United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues](#)
- Various perspectives on the issue [Museum of the American Indian Dakota Pipeline webpage](#)

Other Books:

- [Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story](#) (PK-4)
- [The Water Walker](#) (1-6)
- [Somos guardianes del agua](#) (PK-6)