

## **BLM 6** *Concept Map Assignment*

A concept map is a detailed, concentrated visual picture of the intricacies of the novel you have just finished studying. Go through the following steps and use a poster board or large piece of paper to complete the assignment.

- Step One**      Decide for yourself the 10 most crucial events in the novel, and list them on a separate piece of paper. Then look back through the novel, find the best quotation to represent each of these events. This provides the sequence of events.
- Step Two**      How does each event lead to the next, and how is each event significant and important? Make some notes on your own thoughts and go deep.
- Step Three**    How does each event and connection give us, as viewers or readers, insight into the relationships within the novel – with family, community, the land, and self? Make some notes on these aspects (each event should connect to at least one of these relationships).
- Step Four**    Using your poster board or large piece of paper, draw a circle or an oval, and space out the events (your notes from Step One) in chronological order along the line of your circle or oval. For each of the ten spaces, write a phrase that briefly details what happens at that point, and include the quotation below the phrase being sure to state the speaker.
- Step Five**    Between each of the events, use your notes from Step Two to show the connections between the events (draw arrows or make a different shape to demonstrate that this commentary shows the connections). Now that you can see this in circular form, identify the connections between events that are not necessarily in chronological order. Add at least ten more connections, with commentary, between non-chronological events.
- Step Six**      On the blank spaces at each corner of your map, write the four relationships – relationship with family, relationship with the community, relationship with the land, and relationship with self – and use your notes from Step Three to make connections between the events and what insights they give us (draw arrows with commentary to the appropriate events).
- Step Seven**    Add the title of the novel and the author’s name to the poster.
- Step Eight**    The concept map should be as visually appealing as possible. Use colour, figurative language, interesting arrows and other signs, diagrams, art, cartoons, doodles, etc. to help make it visually appealing and easy to understand.