

BLM 4 – *Keeper’n Me: Book Three Response Journal*

Book Three: Soo-wanee-quay

Keeper’n Me explores the notion of identity through themes connected with family; separation; love; home; adversity; and place. In this unit, we are looking at texts and how they help us think about the following essential questions:

- How is our sense of self formed? What are the influential factors that help shape our sense of self?
- How do our family and community affect how we define who we are?
- How and why does our sense of self change over time?

Instructions:

1. Choose one of the quotations in the left-hand column from *Keeper’n Me*; in the right-hand column, jot down in point form some of your ideas as to how it connects to one of the novel’s themes and/or essential questions. There is a choice option too where you can identify a quotation yourself to respond to. You can use the box provided or use your own paper.
2. Write a response where you can discuss your thinking in more detail.

Quotation & Page Number	Response (in point form)
<p><i>Today, that’s why we use the drum in the morning. We hear it an’ get reminded of how we felt hearin’ it in the darkness when we were little. Reminds us too that we gotta stay joined up with Mother Earth an’ that we can feel all safe an’ protected that way too. Reminds us to stop an’ listen for the heartbeat goin’ on all around us even now. That’s why we use it. Not for our ears, for our insides. Us we gotta learn to live from the inside out.</i> p.165</p>	
<p><i>“Eagle feather’s a good tool for teachin’ bout balance. Help us remember one o’ the biggest teachin’s comes from the eagle. See, bird gotta have balance to soar around like he does. Us we like seein’ him up there. Looks real free to us. Makes us wanna be like that. Trick is, though, we gotta have that same kinda balance. That’s why we admire the</i></p>	

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<p><i>eagle so much. Somethin' inside us wants to able to soar around our world like that too."</i> p. 185</p>	
<p><i>He was nodding and mumbling about all sorts of things and then just as he was climbing into his pickup he burst out in great rolling waves of laughter. That's what woke us up actually. Huge spasms of laughter that kinda echoed off the lake. When Ma'n me looked down the hill towards the townsite there was the burly shape of Chief Oscar rolling around on the dirt road by the ball diamond shrieking and shrieking with laughter.</i> p. 209</p>	
<p>Your choice:</p>	

Response Journal: Write a response discussing your thinking in more detail. Your response should be approximately 200 words.

Reflection: Underline a sentence or two from your response journal that you are most proud of and then explain why.