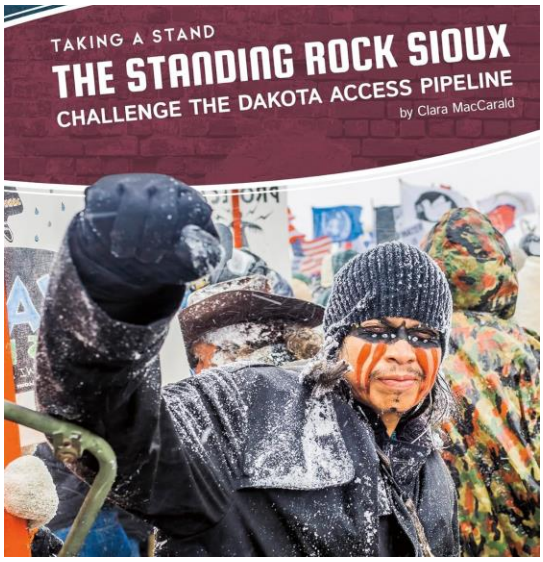
Discussion Guide for Families



The Standing Rock Sioux Challenge the Dakota Access Pipeline

Author: Clara MacCarald

Themes: Environment and Sustainability

Book Brief: Explores the history, events, and aftermath of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribes protest of the Dakota Access Pipeline. Through insightful text, In Their Own Words special features, and critical thinking questions, this title will introduce readers to a modern example of social activism.

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Look at the title, cover, and illustrations in the book. Ask your child, "What do you think this book will be about?"

While Reading: Make Connections

- Why do you think treaties between the U.S. government and indigenous peoples might be broken?
- Some tribes weren't directly affected by the pipeline but still supported the Standing Rock Sioux. Why do you think they helped?
- Do you think the Dakota Access Pipeline protests were worth it, even though the water protectors didn't win?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Would you risk getting in trouble to stand up for something you believe in? Why or why not?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book, consider:

- Encourage them to talk about it during other conversations.
- Check out RIF's Sustainable Futures center to learn more about sustainability with related books and resources.

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