

Lesson 3: Secret Path *Stranger* Lyrics by Gord Downie and Jeff Lemire

Note: This lesson was done after we introduced with Lesson 1 and 2 and the classroom teacher went over the images in the Secret Path first as a whole class.

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Review of what we did last time and what you have been up to since I was last here...

Review Compassion Poster and ideas for self-care—get examples...

Review the Driving Question:

- How does learning about one person’s story give us an idea about the impact of residential school on people in Canada? How is this a story for all Canadians?



Today’s Learning Intention: I can listen to a song and read the song lyrics to think about what the song-writers message might me?



The Stranger Official Video - Gord Downie - Secret Path

Watch *The Stranger* video...with the lyrics this time

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=za2VzjkwTfc>

This is the introduction to the longer, Secret Path video.

Have students listen to the lyrics and make notes on their paper about what they notice, think and wonder. Model the thinking out loud with the first few lines of the song.

Ask, What do you notice, think, wonder? What do you connect to? What does this make you think of? What images come to mind? Students can highlight text, draw pictures, write their connections and background knowledge right on the paper beside the lyrics.

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The Stranger

I am the Stranger
You can't see me
I am the Stranger
Do you know what I mean
I navigate the mud
I walk above the path
Jumping to the right
And then I jump to the left
On a Secret Path
The one that nobody knows
And I'm moving fast
On the path nobody knows

And what I'm feeling
Is anyone's guess
What is in my head
And what's in my chest
I'm not gonna stop
I'm just catching my breath
They're not gonna stop
Please. Just let me catch my breath
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Name: Avery

Date: Nov 13 2010

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He feels like nobody knows what he is feeling.

Sounds like he is trying to defend his self

Connection
Shishi Etico
fixing the Indian problem

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Residential schools are no joke... kids, parents and people are affected by residential schools... the Corporation...

Name: Addison

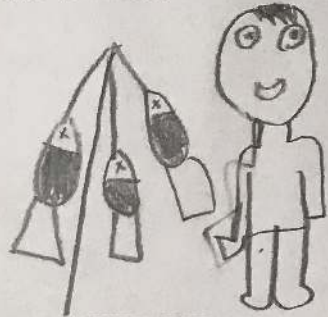
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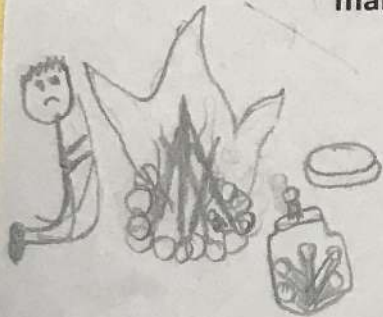
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that people were getting hate

Name: Okzanah

Date: Nov 13, 2018.

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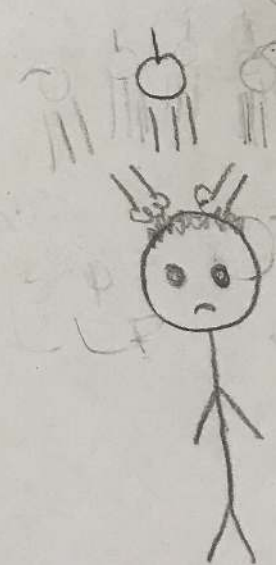
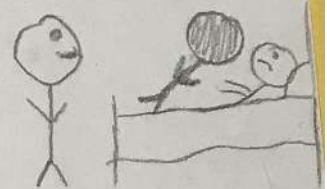
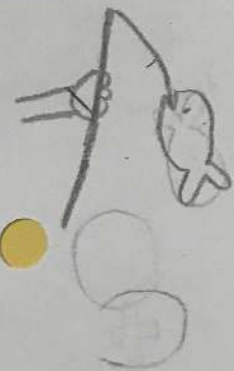
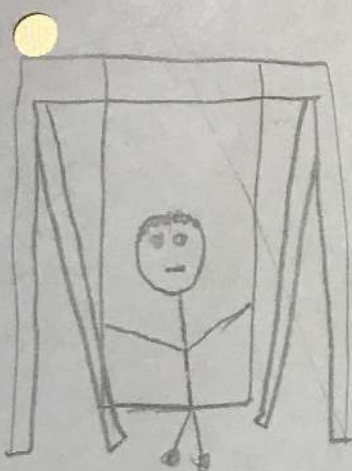
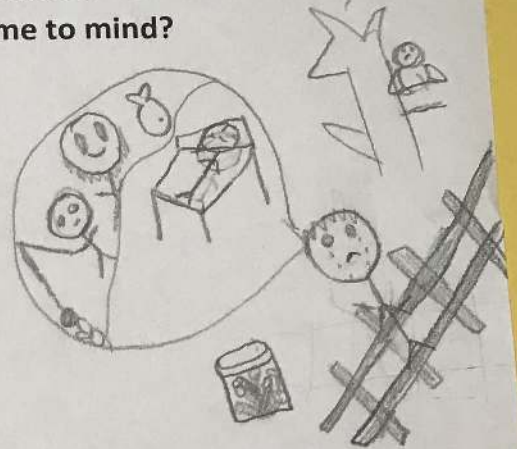
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he wants you to know his story and about the residential.

to know about charlie's story and understand

and I wanted you
to know the truth
about first nations kids
what they went through when they
were so young.

Teacher's interpretation...

...? (the song writer—Gord Downie,) Wanted you to know the truth about first nations kids. What they went through when they were so young.