

“I am a Native of North America” Questions

1. What are things Chief Dan George claims people learn from growing up in communal homes?
2. What lesson did he learn about nature from his father? What are your thoughts about this lesson?
3. What does Chief Dan George mean when he refers to “smoke houses hundreds of times bigger than the one [he] knew”? (George 1) How does he feel about people who live in these places? Why are these feelings important to his message?
4. What puzzles Chief Dan George about the culture of his “white brothers”? (George 1) Why does he have a difficult time understanding these characteristics?
5. What does Chief Dan George say about his white brother’s ability to love? Why is this so important?
6. Although he states that his culture “has little to offer yours” (George 2), he also believes there are some ideas his culture could add to white culture. What are these ideas? Why is this important to him?
7. What is the “brotherhood” (George 3) that Chief Dan George talks about at the end of his essay?