

COLORS OF THE WIND (JUDY KUHN)

1. Os povos nativos dos Estados Unidos – que viviam no país antes da chegada dos europeus – tinham uma relação especial com a terra e com a natureza. Leia sobre essa relação e responda às perguntas.

"[...] the Indians believed that no one could own land. They believed, however, that anyone could use it. Anyone who wanted to live on a piece of land and grow crops could do so.

The American Indians lived with nature. They understood the land and the environment. They did not try to change it. They might grow crops in an area for a few years. Then they would move on. They would allow the land on which they had farmed to become wild again.

They might hunt on one area of land for some time, but again they would move on. They hunted only what they could eat, so populations of animals could continue to increase. The Indians understood nature and were at peace with it."



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- a. Os primeiros colonizadores ingleses chegaram à costa leste dos Estados Unidos no século XVI. Na sua opinião, a relação desses colonizadores com a natureza era semelhante à relação dos povos nativos com ela? Por quê?

- b. Você acha que o encontro entre os ingleses e os povos nativos dos Estados Unidos foi pacífico? Por quê?

- c. Pocahontas era uma princesa nativa famosa que ajudou os colonizadores ingleses no século XVII. A história dela foi contada na animação da Disney intitulada *Pocahontas*. O que você sabe sobre essa princesa?

2. Há diversos elementos do mundo natural em “Colors of the Wind”, tema da animação *Pocahontas*. Responda às perguntas assinalando a coluna apropriada e depois observe as palavras em negrito e as imagens abaixo, pois elas ajudarão a entender a letra da canção.

Have you ever...	Yes, I have.	No, but I'd like to.	No, and I wouldn't like to.
a. seen a wild animal, such as a wolf or a bobcat , in nature?			
b. walked along a trail in a forest?			
c. tried berries or any other wild fruit?			
d. walked during a rainstorm ?			
e. swum in a river ?			
f. climbed a giant tree, such as a sycamore tree ?			
g. seen a bird nest ?			



3. Agora escute a canção e numere os versos na ordem em que eles aparecem.

- “Come run the hidden pine trails of the forest” _____
- “For whether we are white or copper skinned” _____
- “Have you ever heard the wolf cry to the blue corn moon” _____
- “How high will the sycamore grow” _____
- “The rainstorm and the river are my brothers” _____
- “You can own the Earth and still” _____
- “You think I’m an ignorant savage” _____
- “You think the only people who are people” _____
- “You think you own whatever land you land on” _____

4. Na canção, Pocahontas está questionando John Smith, o colonizador inglês pelo qual ela se apaixona. Escute a canção novamente e circule as alternativas

que melhor completam as frases sobre as atitudes de Smith e dos colonizadores, na opinião da princesa nativa.

- a. "If the savage one is me / How can there be so much that you don't know?"
Pocahontas thinks John Smith is _____.
i. ignorant
ii. knowledgeable
- b. "But I know every rock and tree and creature / Has a life, has a spirit, has a name"
She claims Smith knows _____ about nature than her.
i. more
ii. less
- c. "You think the only people who are people / Are the people who look and think like you"
She says that Smith feels _____ to Native Americans.
i. inferior
ii. superior
- d. "Can you sing with all the voices of the mountains? / Can you paint with all the colors of the wind?"
She is questioning if Smith can _____ nature.
i. appreciate
ii. destroy
- e. "Come roll in all the riches all around you / And for once, never wonder what they're worth"
She is criticizing Smith for being _____.
i. generous
ii. greedy
- f. "You can own the Earth and still / All you'll own is earth until / You can paint with all the colors of the wind"
She claims that Smith will only be the true owner of the land if he learns how to _____ it.
i. respect
ii. explore

5. Leia as citações abaixo, que correspondem a falas de nativos americanos sobre a natureza. Você concorda com eles? Justifique sua resposta.

- a. “Only when the last tree has died, the last river has been poisoned and the last fish has been caught will we realize we cannot eat money.” — *Cree proverb*
- b. “When a man does a piece of work which is admired by all we say that it is wonderful; but when we see the changes of day and night, the Sun, the Moon, and the stars in the sky, and the changing seasons upon the Earth, with their ripening fruits, anyone must realize that it is the work of someone more powerful than man.” — *Chief Standing Bear*
- c. “Treat the Earth well. It was not given to you by your parents—it was loaned to you by your children.” — *Indian proverb*

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Respostas das atividades

1. Respostas pessoais.

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3.

a. 5

b. 8

c. 4

d. 7

e. 6

f. 9

g. 1

h. 3

i. 2

4.

a. i

b. ii

c. ii

d. i

e. ii

f. i

5. Respostas pessoais.