

1. What is your favorite quote from this section and why is this so memorable to you (100 word minimum).

The quote, "To be native to a place we must learn to speak its language," stands out to me because it makes me think of my childhood and how I felt connected to my home. I would go outside and take long walks, run barefoot in the grass, play in the mud, and even look/touch closely at bugs and animals. Those moments made me feel like I belonged in my city and even the earth. Now I feel less connected because I spend too much time on technology, but this quote telling me that to feel belong I have to connect to the natural world around me .

2. What does reciprocity look like in your culture? Provide specific examples (150 word minimum)
3. Where I'm from reciprocity means giving and receiving in a fair way. It is about balance in all kinds of relationships, whether they are friendships or romantic. For example, if I am expected to be understanding when someone is having a bad day, I also want that person to be understanding when I go through hard times. If I am supposed to share my feelings and be emotionally available, I want the same effort back. Even with simple things like gifts, if someone likes receiving them, they should also give them when i turned 16 my father told me i am becoming a young man so now to get anything for my birthday or other holidays i have to give gifts to him , my mom or my baby siblings i understood because we all humans and we get tired of giving giving and not receiving. Reciprocity is about making sure things aren't one sided.
4. This section begins with the following quote, "*Sweetgrass is best planted not by seed, but by putting roots directly in the ground. Thus the plant is passed from hand to earth to hand*"

*across years and generations. Its favored habitat is sunny, well-watered meadows. It thrives on disturbed edges.*" What does this mean to you? (150 word minimum).

This quote means to me that some things in life are best shared slowly and carefully, not just scattered around. Sweetgrass grows best when someone plants the roots with care just like traditions and values shared from one generation to another. This shows that it's important to connect with the people around you. This quote tells me people can always grow stronger as long as they have somebody to care for them, be patient and also put effort into them.

5. Specifically in "The Offering", Kimmerer discusses how we focus our attention. What are ways in which you choose to focus your attention and are you happy with these choices? (100 word minimum)

I liked to focus my attention on conversations because I loved to talk and share ideas with others. As time passed, I started putting most of my attention on technology, like my phone, TV, and video games. I don't really like the choices I made because there are times when I need to be focused but my phone or games keep calling my name and I can't ignore them. This makes me forget the important things I need to do to succeed in or even the things I promised to do for myself and others.