

9.4 “Daḳota Iapi Teuŋhiŋdapi” Reflection Worksheet

View Part 2 “To Reclaim/Kiyuwaste” of the video called “Daḳota Iapi Teuŋhiŋdapi: We Cherish the Daḳota Language.” As you watch it, think about what it is saying and what it is showing about the Daḳota relationship to their language. Answer the following questions. Use the back of this page if you need more room.

SECTION 1: (28:13-34:42)

1) Why did some Daḳota people discourage each other from speaking and learning the Daḳota language?

2) What feelings did you hear mentioned by different people in the video describing their experiences with the Daḳota language?

SECTION 2: (34:43 – 43:22)

3) What are some of the challenges that people run into when trying to learn Daḳota now?

4) At one point in the video Šišokaduta says: “When you learn the language then you’ll know yourself.” How do you think knowledge of a language and knowledge of yourself are connected?

5) The name of this video is Daḳota Iapi Teuŋhiŋdapi: We Cherish the Daḳota Language. Think for a moment about the word teuŋhiŋdapi, which means “they cherish it.” Why do you suppose the Daḳota people cherish the Daḳota language rather than just liking it or loving it? What is the difference between cherishing something or liking or loving it?