Possible examples to use for learning reflection

1. What do we learn about the importance of being proud of who you are from Garnet’s experiences?

-always pretending to be someone else

-never feeling like he belongs

-learning from Keeper

-connecting with land and culture

2. What do we learn about the importance culture/tradition from Garnet’s experiences?

-how he feels about himself

-how Keeper says you have to keep a balance with tradition and modern way of doing things

-How you need a connection to the land

-how Garnet doesn’t know if he is Indian (white man’s word for First nations peoples) or Anishnabie (good people in Ojibway)- and how he is lost

-so much has been lost- very few know it- makes it even more important to pass on what is known- need traditions to survive

3. What do we learn about how losing culture affects people from Garnet and Keeper’s experiences?

-Garnet feeling lost-looking for belonging

-Keeper needing to pass on traditions

4. What do we learn about impact of colonization on Indigenous peoples?

-Garnet getting taken away- sixties scoop- impact on him and his family

-few jobs and little money on reserve

-residential school

-loss of culture/language/tradition

-lost jobs/way of life- Garnet’s father losing his trapping line because of dam built by Ontario hydro

-residential school- stealing children

Garnets mom and Dad- both suffered- his Dad lost his life- never got over losing Garnet-broke up their marriage

5. What do we learn about the importance of connecting to the land?

- Garnets journey

-giving thanks- tobacco

-magic/spiritual connecting- how to live with the land

-how people used to live off the land

6. What do we learn about the impact of racism?

-Garnet pretending to be any race other than indigenous

-negative stereotype- Garnet’s foster father taking him by Indigenous homeless people who had issues with alcohol (told they were lazy drunk bums)

-Garnet not knowing who he was- always asked to play Indian in Cowboys and Indians -said he doesn’t know how to be an Indian

-Garnet being embarrassed about being Indigenous-

-no positive role models because media (tv/movies etc- filled with negative stereotypes)

-Garnet being called an apple- red on the outside- white on the inside