Dream of a Nation

A Nation That Shines

Key Terms- Find definitions of the following key terms throughout Chapter 12 and write them in complete sentences on a separate sheet of paper.

Restoration Creative Destruction Tipping Points
Social Entrepreneur Social Innovation Interconnectedness
Seven Generations Change-maker Authenticity

Article Questions

Dreaming the Future Can Create the Future

- 1. How does Charles Darwin's idea that the most successful species are the ones most responsive to change inform humanity's potential at the present moment?
- 2. How can we transform the global economy from a vicious cycle to a virtuous cycle?

Everyone a Changemaker

- 3. Tell a partner about ways in which you could see yourself becoming a changemaker in your community or throughout the world.
- 4. What are the attributes of changemakers? How can society foster these qualities in young people?

Realizing Our Roots and the Power of Interconnectedness

- 5. How do we, as a society, act with awareness of the next seven generations?
- 6. What do you think Agnes Baker Pilgrim means when she says, "The greatest distance in the world is the 14 inches from our minds to our hearts"?

Painting Hope in the World

- 7. What does Lily Yeh mean when she writes she needed something to "make my life more authentic"?
- 8. What does Lily Yeh do to combat the overwhelming feelings of negativity and hopelessness? Brainstorm with a partner ways of interacting within your community to overcome any negativity.

We are the Ones We Have Been Waiting for...

- 9. What do we have to awaken to, according to Alice Walker?
- 10. Out of all the issues addressed in this book pick one you feel most passionately about and develop your own, personal plan of action to tackle that problem using your unique skills and talents.

Post-Reading Questions

- 11. Discuss with a partner how the massive scale of these pressing issues can lead people to feel hopeless. What ideas have you both gained from this book to combat that hopelessness?
- 12. If you feel comfortable, share with your partner your own personal plan for action to combat an issue you feel most passionately about.