

Estimated Use: Last 2 weeks of Quarter 2 – near beginning of January – approximately 6-8 days

Inquiry Design Model (IDM) Blueprint™		
“The Friendship” OSEU 4: Kinship & Harmony		
Compelling Question	After reading “The Friendship” by Mildred D. Taylor, can we appreciate the significance that kinship can play within a community?	
Standards and Practices	7.RL.3 Analyze how particular elements of a story or drama interact (e.g., how setting shapes the characters or plot).	
Staging the Question	How can you show that you care for someone else? Can you describe a time that you helped another person in your community? What would community kinship look like in our area?	
Supporting Question 1	Supporting Question 2	Supporting Question 3
How does someone connect with another person? In <i>The Friendship</i> Mr. Tom Bee has a personal connection to John Wallace. How does that relationship affect the behavior of those two men?	How does this type of kinship affect the community around the main characters?	What are specific ways that I can be generous to another person so that he or she can feel part of a community? How can we bring harmony to our community through kinship?
Formative Performance Task	Formative Performance Task	Formative Performance Task
Do a close read of pages 37-39 of <i>The Friendship</i> . Look for evidence of the connection between the two men. Make a cause and effect line that shows how their kinship has affected their behaviors.	Watch both linked videos below and journal briefly about one of the provided questions (questions are on links below videos). Have a table discussion with classmates.	Brainstorm ways that others have shown generosity to you in the last few days. Map out people you come in contact with frequently that would benefit from acts of generosity from you.
Featured Sources	Featured Sources	Featured Sources
Text of <i>The Friendship</i> by Mildred D. Taylor	http://www.wolakotaproject.org/oseu-four/oseu-four-interview-with-gladys-hawk/	http://www.wolakotaproject.org/oseu-four/oseu-four-interview-with-stephanie-charging-eagle/
Summative Performance Task		Create a comic strip that shows ways that kinship could bring harmony to <i>this</i> community. Use real locations, include self as a character, and show evidence of a realistic plan for implementing generosity and harmony.
	Extension	Research historical examples of how Native Americans exhibited kinship, generosity, and harmony. Write a compare and contrast essay that shows the similarities and differences in showing harmony in the Native culture vs the actions learned about in the cultures of 1930s Mississippi (the setting of the novel).

**Taking
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Action**

Make a connection with a student at school that you've never spoken to before. Have a conversation, work on a group project, eat lunch together, or include them in a new activity.