

Read Brave Kids 2021 - Sharing Our Stories: Rising Together for a Better Saint Paul
***We Are Water Protectors* by Carole Lindstrom, illustrated by Michaela Goade**

Book Discussion Questions*

1. List all the ways you and your family use water every day. Talk about where your water comes from. How is water important to you and your daily life?
2. The book says "the four-legged, the two-legged, the plants, trees, rivers, lakes, the Earth. We are all related." What does it mean to be "related?" Do you feel a connection with any parts of the earth?
3. In the story, a black snake is poisoning the water, plants, animals, and land. What is this black snake? What does it represent? Discuss the concerns you have for the water and the environment.
4. In the book, a young girl talks about fighting for those who cannot fight for themselves - the animals, plants, trees, rivers, and lakes. What do you want to fight for? How could you make a difference?
5. This book talks about the important work of indigenous people across the country. Which Indigenous tribes live in Minnesota today? Which tribes lived here a long time ago?

*These questions are adapted from the Inspired Community Engagement Guide, which was prepared for Roaring Brook Press by Jessica Ellison, a teacher educator at the Minnesota Historical Society. Jessica creates professional development and curriculum for social studies teachers and is a strong advocate for community engagement at all ages. She currently serves on her local school board.