

The Medicine Wheel

... and our Biology course

The Sacred Tree



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- For all of the people of the earth, the *Creator* has planted a *Sacred Tree* under which they may gather, and there find healing, power, wisdom, and security. The roots of this tree spread deep into the body of Mother Earth. Its branches reach upward like hands praying to *Father Sky*. The fruits of this *Tree* are the good things the Creator has given to the people: teachings that show the path of love, compassion, generosity, patience, wisdom, justice, courage, respect, humility, and many other wonderful gifts.

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- The ancient ones taught us that the life of the *Tree* is the life of the people. If the people wander far away from the protective shadow of the *Tree*, if they forget to seek the nourishment of its fruit, or if they should turn against Tree and attempt to destroy it, great sorrow will fall upon the people. Many will become sick at heart. The people will lose their power. They will cease to dream dreams and see visions. They will begin to quarrel among themselves over worthless trifles. They will become unable to tell the truth and to deal with each other honestly. They will forget how to survive in their own land. Their lives will become filled with the anger and gloom. Little by little they will poison themselves and all they touch.

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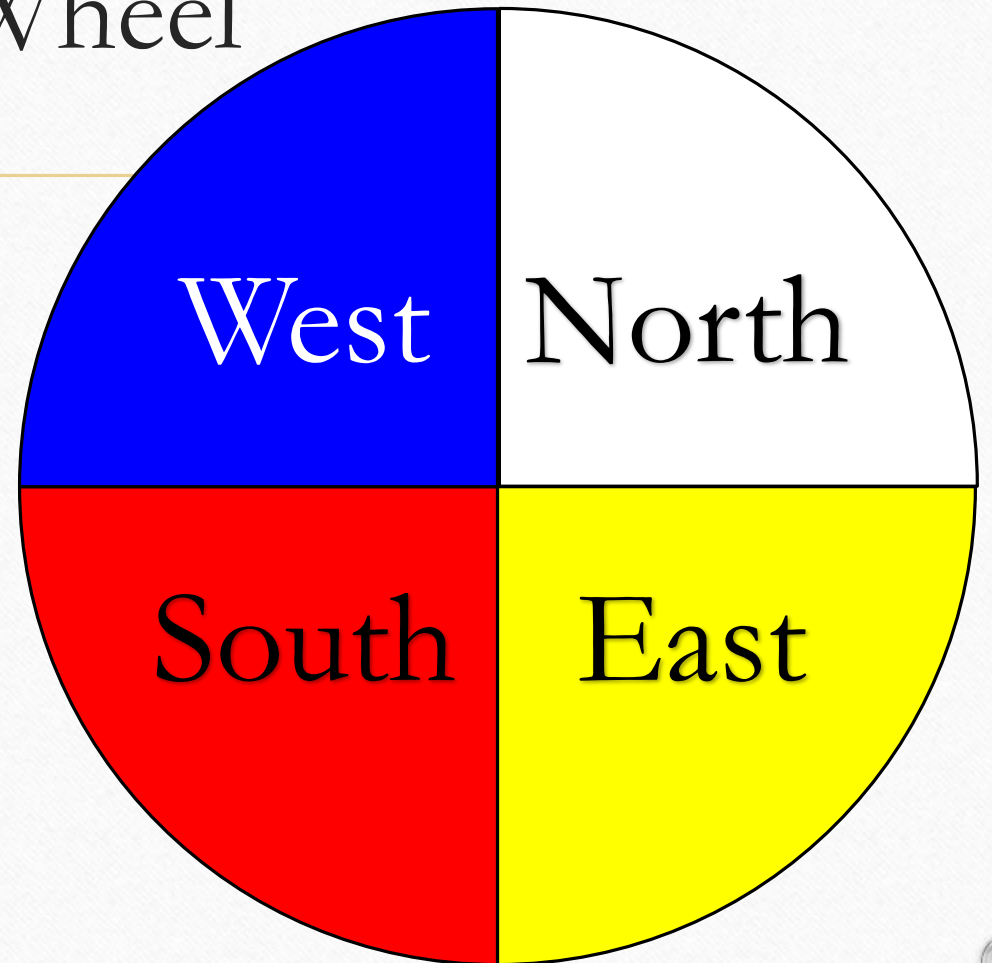
- It was foretold that these things would come to pass, but that the *Tree* would never die. And so as long as the *Tree* lives the people live. It was also foretold that the day would come when people would awaken, as if from a long, drugged sleep; that they would begin, timidly at first but then with great urgency, to search again for the *Sacred Tree*.

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- The knowledge of its whereabouts, and of the fruits that adorn its branches have always been carefully guarded and preserved within the minds and hearts of our wise elders and leaders. These humble, loving and dedicated souls will guide anyone who is honestly and sincerely seeking along the path leading to the protecting shadow of the Sacred tree.

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- In SBI3U, we will respectfully draw upon the Ojibway Medicine Wheel teachings to integrate ‘wholeness and ‘inter-connectivity’ into the course, acknowledge the deep traditional laws, philosophies and teachings of the Indigenous people in Canada.



Task...

- Read through your given reading
- Highlight, underline, star and take notes if you need to.
- Reread if you need to...
- Get a sense of the teachings within it.

Task...

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- Gather...
- Community build...
- Get together with your partners for your section
- Discuss key points – the essentials.
- What are the teachings and the gifts...
- Build a way to share your understanding with the class.