

Thursday 4th February 2021

LO: Shared Reading



The Chieftain of Farmley was dying. His son, Radnor, sat in silence by his side. The fire crackled, its warm light casting long shadows over Radnor's sad face. The light was fading in his father's darkening eyes. He was being taken by the spirits after thirty long years as tribal leader.

Radnor stared at the fire and begged the spirits he saw dancing within to allow his father one more day with him. Radnor was not ready to take his place. He was just a boy, barely sixteen.

"Oh fire spirit. You dance with life. Give my father your warmth and bless him with one more day, so that I should know how I can be a leader as great as him!" Radnor whispered to himself over and over. He listened to the crackling fire talking.

Radnor's father pulled him close to whisper in his ear and then he felt something fall into his hands. Radnor looked down. A bright blue gem rested there, still warm from his father's touch. The last of his father's life was in it.

When the villagers of Farmley found out that their Chieftain was gone with the spirits, the look that they gave Radnor made him quake. They looked to him as their leader now.

Beyond their village lay another larger settlement named Bramford. There had always been trouble between the two villages. The people of Farmley whispered that now the Chieftain was gone the Bramford warriors would come and take everything and kill everyone in their path.

Retrival

- 1) What did Radnor's father place in his hand?
- 2) How long had Radnor's father been tribal leader?
- 3) Order the following events.

The villagers of Farmley found out that their Chieftan was gone.	
The fire cast long shadows over Radnor's face.	
Radnor's father pulled him close.	

Words in context

- 4) Find and copy 3 proper nouns
- 5) 'Radnor stared at the fire and begged the spirits...'

Give two examples of words that could be used to replace 'stared'.

Inference

- 5) Why was Radnor not ready to take his fathers place?