

# Suggestions for all learners & families

## Suggestion 1

**Visit:** Seeing Through Watcher's Eyes (STWE) at this [link](#)

**Download** this helpful guide: [Guide for Sequential](#) viewing

Visit physical mural: on outside road facing wall @ Spencer Middle School

**Setting** the scene:

We invite you to begin viewing the mural by looking from the center. The tree of life in the middle grounds us. Panels 1-4 (on left) represent what we presently have, in contrast to panels 5-8 (on right) which show what we once had. Seeing Through Watchers' eyes is a conversation starter and an invitation to see in an alternate way.

**Consider:** who's eyes you are observing through ~ your eyes or looking out from Wild Woman/Wild Man.

**Question:** (choose one or all ~ there is no right answer ~ it is about perspective)

-  What would you describe differently if you looked through Wild Woman's eyes at what we presently have?
-  What would you have expected to see but might not be present when you look with your human eyes?
-  Did you notice that Wild Woman's eyes look to her right what you see looking to your left? Why would this matter?
-  Wild Man's view is what we once had ~ what are similarities & differences to what Wild Woman sees?

## Suggestion 2

**Focus:** Value

**Consider:** How is wealth represented in your family? Or how do you individually define wealth?

**What if:** A 'pandemic' hit & the system as you know it changed overnight. Schools & businesses were not open. **Question:** Did your sense of value change? Would you now define wealth differently? Does your idea of wealth include connecting with friends & family? If this 'pandemic' was just a dream what would you tell your self in the morning when you wake up? (remember there is no wrong answer ~ it's perspective)

**Alternate activity:**

-  How is wealth represented in other cultures?
-  Access STWE at this [link](#) (guide [here](#)) start at Panel 5 clicking on "earring" (pt 163)
-  This point talks about Chinook Trade routes ~ do you know there is a language called Chinook? Check out the links at the end of this doc.
-  Have you ever made a trade, series of trades ~ how did you know what was valuable?

## **BONUS CONNECTIONS:** Thinking about Energy

How much energy does your home use? In the Springtime, we were asked to stay home from school in order to prevent the spread of Covid-19. Now, some of us have returned to in-person learning while others continue to learn-from-home. All of us have been asked to spend more time at home than ever before. While our homes may be important for keeping others safe and limiting the spread of Covid-19, there may be some environmental impacts to us being inside so much!

In B.C., our heat and electricity primarily come from two places: hydroelectric power and natural gas. Are these things sustainable? Well natural gas sure sounds cool, its natural right? Unfortunately, its name is misleading. Natural gas is a non-renewable Fossil fuel just like any other gas. Being non-renewable means that there is only a limited amount of it on earth; it is the result of decaying plants and animals over the course of millions of years! Because it is a fossil fuel, we have to burn it to use it for energy. Burning it releases all sorts of things into our atmosphere contributing to climate change. All this and we aren't even talking about the process to mine in from the ground or transport it into our homes which are processes that are hurting living beings and the planet too. In summary, no, the natural part of natural gas does not save us.

Ok so, what about Hydroelectric power? This one is a bit trickier; it can be good! However, in BC, the people that supply us with all this hydroelectric power, BC Hydro, want to build another dam to make more energy. This doesn't seem terrible but the dam they want to build has some huge problems. First of all, the dam is in violation with Treaty 8, the treaty between the Canadian Government and the Indignous Nations of the area. On top of being in violation of the treaty, the Site C Dam will flood 128 km of the Peace River which will force many families from their home and destroy land held sacred by Indigenous nations. It will also flood land that is habitat to many endangered species and make things like fishing, on which the people rely for sustenance and livelihood, impossible for over a generation.

All this to say, the power that we use in our homes has a whole life before it heats our rooms up. However, it does not have to be this way and it has not always been like this. Neither is the system described above necessary or true everywhere. Another way we can think about energy is through exploring Seeing Through Watchers Eyes. Open up Seeing Through Watchers Eyes and let's explore.

**Go to STWE:** at this [link](#) (guide [here](#) pts153-274) looking at panels 5-8 where balance, abundance and generosity are shown.

**Did you know:** Each THEE LELUM (longhouse/respected house) houses had several families living within. These families would share responsibilities of stewardship and

resources on their shared area. Up to ten nuclear families would live together (4-10 ppl per nuclear family).

### **Calculate:**

**How many people** could be living on these panel in the villages? (did you know at contact time guestimate has 10000 + ppl living in the area in now known as Victoria Regional District).

**Today “Saanich Peninsula” population** guestimate to be 115000 ppl in individual or family houses.

**How many houses** would you guestimate for now & at contact time?

**How much energy** do you use in your own home today? Ask any adult in your house how much energy you use and use this calculator to figure out what your energy use is equal to!  
<https://oee.nrcan.gc.ca/corporate/statistics/neud/dpa/calculator/ghg-calculator.cfm>

### **Questions:**



What do you think about this?



What did you notice about your own energy use?



How does your energy use compare to the others you calculated?



Is there anything else we can do?

**Additional thoughts to explore:** (while links have been added pls explore further)

Grease trails (a [pod cast](#) series for contemporary & historical thought)

Chinook trade language (from an [outside](#) lens)

First Voices (multiple [languages](#) being celebrated)

Wealth on the Coast (historical [look](#))