

ATPE BOOK of the month CLUB

Black Elk's Vision: A Lakota Story by *S.D. Nelson*

Discussion questions were written by Renee Conley's third grade students from Hill Elementary in Austin ISD.

1. What are the iron-horse rails?
2. What gifts did the Six Grandfathers give Black Elk and what did each one symbolize?
3. The buffalo provided many things to the Lakota people. List and describe some of them.
4. The Lakota people depended on the buffalo and it was killed by the white man for sport. If your "source of life" were killed like this, what would you do? Describe how you would feel.
5. Explain why the Native Americans were forced onto reservations.
6. How would you feel if you were "stuck" on a reservation? Why?
7. What would have happened if the Lakota and other Native Americans had won the war? Explain.
8. If the Lakota tribe hadn't listened to Black Elk's vision, what do you think would've happened? Why?
9. Do you think the gifts of the Six Grandfathers apply to your life today? How?
10. Imagine you were one of the Grandfathers. What would you have given Black Elk?

