* DETERMINATION MADE OMAKAYAS STRONG AND PERSEVERE. I CAN CONNECT THIS TO THE STORY BECAUSE….
* WHEN A STORY FOCUSES ON FAMILY OR FAMILY MEMBERS, THE LESSON OR THEME WILL BE LOVE I CAN CONNECT THIS TO THE STORY BECAUSE…
* LOVE, LAUGHTER AND MEDICINE GO TOGETHER. LOVE IS THE BEST MEDICINE BECAUSE IT MAKES PEOPLE WANT TO GO FORWARD. IT GIVES THEM A REASON TO KEEP TRYING. IT PROVIDES HOPE. LOVE GIVES YOU ANOTHER REASON TO LIVE.

I CAN CONNECT THIS TO THE STORY BECAUSE…

* When Pinch makes the family laugh by setting HIS “TUSH” on fire when everyone was sad because so many people died during the smallpox epidemic and the families’ food supply was scarce. It tells us in the book that the Anishibi people that when there’ sno laughter, the soul dies. When Pinch burned his tush, it brought laughter back to the people.his shows us that even in the toughtest times, we can’t give up hope or stop laughing.
* Omakyas loves her family—when they got sick, she took care of the family. When Neewo was ill, Omakayas still made the baby laugh and that gave him another reason to to live and try to fight smallpox. She took him out of the cradle to give him sun and treated him as though he were her own son.
* Omakayas healed Pinch’s burn with love and hope. She did this by taking care of him and wrapping his leg. She was determined to help Pinch—didn’t want to lose him—no matter how annoying he is—she didn’t want to lose him. She loved her brother.
* CONNECTION OF COMMUNITY AND IDENTITY. THIS BOOK ADDRESSES COMMUNITY WHICH IS ABOUT PEOPLE WORKING TOGETHER AND IDENTITY (WHO THEY ARE AS INDIVIDUAL—SPECIAL AND UNIQUE QUALITIES ABOUT WHO YOU ARE, WHAT STANDS OUT ABOUT YOU—HOW PEOPLE KNOW YOU AND HOW YOU THINK OF YOURSELF). BASICALLY THIS QUESTION IS ASKING US HOW CAN YOU BE PRODUCTIVE MEMBER OF A COMMUNITY WHILE STILL HOLDING ON TO YOUR OWN IDENTITY AND SENSE OF SELF-WORTH AND SELF-IMPORTANCE. IN THE STORY THEY CONNECT TO ANDEG, OMAKAYAS AND ONE HORN…
* PEOPLE OF SIMILAR BACKGROUND CAN FORM GROUPS OR COMMUNITIES.
* EVERY MEMBER OF OMAKAYAS’ COMMUNITY—THE OJIBWI COME TOGETHER AND MAKE A GROUP COMMUNITY OF SIMILAR BACKGROUND BUT EACH MEMBER HAS OWN IDENTITY. THE COMMUNITY MAY BE FACED WITH SIMILAR-HARDSHIPS-CHALLENGES BUT MAY HAVE THEIR OWN WAY OF DEALING WITH CHALLENGES AND SURVIVING.
* THE BEGINNING OF CHAPTER 13 SHOWS US THAT THE MAPLE SUGARING SUCCESSFUL AND DEYDEY WANTED TO SHOW HIS GRATITUDE FOR THE PEOPLE-HIS FAMILY MEMBERS FOR HELPING MAKE IT SUCCESSFUL. SO HE GIVES THEM GIFTS SUCH AS A HANDMADE CROSS.