



TOPICS TO TALK ABOUT

- What do you think are the key characteristics of a hero?
- What does it mean to be an active citizen? Do you consider yourself to be an active citizen?
- If you could have one special talent, skill, or super-power, what would it be?
- What are “causes”? What causes are important to you?

BEFORE YOU READ THE BOOK

- Cover the front of the book.
- Read the last three lines on the last page, “We are people who matter...”
- Can you predict what the book is about?
- Discuss what these three lines could mean.

AFTER YOU’VE READ THE BOOK

- **Challenge:** Like the poetry in the book, try to tell your life story in four lines.
- This book attempts to briefly, through short poetry, tell the life stories of 13 Indigenous heroes. Obviously important parts of their life have been omitted. Pick one of the heroes and find out a little more about them.
- There are many great websites that feature Indigenous heroes that you can look at together! Click [here](#) for one about Indigenous war heroes.
- Click [here](#) to look at a web site about Indigenous heroes around the world

WONDEROUS WORDS

Discuss the meaning of these phrases.

Got the credit (Sacagawea)

Mocked her (Sue LaFlesche Picotte)

Heart reigned free (Beatrice Culleton Mosionier)

Take a stand

Spirit like an eagle (Crazy Horse)

Can you think of any other phrases or expressions like these?

BECOME AN ILLUSTRATOR

What do you like or dislike about the illustrations by Joe Morse? Why might he have chosen the colours? Why might he have included nature in the illustrations, including those for astronaut John Herrington?

Joe Morse, the Illustrator, works exclusively with watercolour, and he uses a technique called “value scales” to create darker and lighter colours in his pictures. Click [here](#) for a website where you can learn more about the use of watercolours and value scales.

HEROES IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Who are some heroes in your community? What do you think makes them a hero?