*What would you fight to protect? Why? Turn and talk with the person beside you.*

***Protect Our Land: A Youth Perspective* Personal Account by Darryl Sainawap**

Aboriginal peoples have traditionally seen themselves as just one part of Creation and believe that they are responsible for ensuring the continuation of all that is. There are Aboriginal teachings that suggest people need to make decisions with future generations in mind, such as the seventh generation teachings of the Anishnaabe. In this light, the people of Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug (KI) see themselves as stewards (someone who protects or is responsible for) of the land in their territory. Although the land in question is provincial crown land, Aboriginal nations were treatied with the understanding that they would have access to crown land for the continuation of their traditional lifestyle which, in this case, includes hunting, trapping and fishing.

Reading the selection on p. 146 iLit and discuss the following questions with a group of 3-4 people:

1. What would you be prepared to do to fight for the things you value?
2. Would you ever break the law? Why or Why not?

In your groups read the poems, “Our Drum” and “Not Just A Platform For My Dance” and complete the questions.