

Where You At? quiz

30 questions to elevate your awareness (and literacy) of the greater place in which you live:

- 1) Point north.
- 2) What time is sunset today?
- 3) Trace the water you drink from rainfall to your tap.
- 4) When you flush, where do the solids go? What happens to the waste water?
- 5) How many feet above sea level are you?
- 6) What spring wildflower is consistently among the first to bloom here?
- 7) How far do you have to travel before you reach a different watershed? Can you draw the boundaries of yours?
- 8) Is the soil under your feet more clay, sand, rock or silt?
- 9) Before your tribe lived here, what did the previous inhabitants eat and how did they sustain themselves?
- 10) Name five native edible plants in your neighborhood and the season(s) they are available.
- 11) From what direction do seasonal storms generally come?
- 12) Where does your garbage go?
- 13) How many people live in your watershed?
- 14) Who uses the paper/plastic you recycle from your neighborhood?
- 15) Point to where the sun sets on the equinox. How about sunrise on the summer solstice?
- 16) Where is the nearest earthquake fault? When did it last move?
- 17) Right here, how deep do you have to drill before you reach water?
- 18) Which (if any) geological features in your watershed are, or were, especially

respected by your community, or considered sacred, now or in the past?

- 19) How many days is the growing season here (from frost to frost)?
- 20) Name five birds that live here. Which are migratory and which stay put?
- 21) What was the total rainfall here last year?
- 22) Where does the pollution in your air come from?
- 23) If you live near the ocean, when is high tide today?
- 24) What primary geological processes or events shaped the land here?
- 25) Name three wild species that were not found here 500 years ago. Name one exotic species that has appeared in the last 5 years.
- 26) What minerals are found in the ground here that are (or were) economically valuable?
- 27) Where does your electric power come from and how is it generated?
- 28) After the rain runs off your roof, where does it go?
- 29) Where is the nearest wilderness? When was the last time a fire burned through it?
- 30) How many days till the moon is full?

The Bigger Here Bonus Questions:

- 31) What species once found here are known to have gone extinct?
- 32) What other cities or landscape features on the planet share your latitude?
- 33) What was the dominant land cover plant here 10,000 years ago?
- 34) Name two places on different continents that have similar sunshine/rainfall/wind and temperature patterns to here.

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