



Essential Question

What can traditions teach you about cultures?



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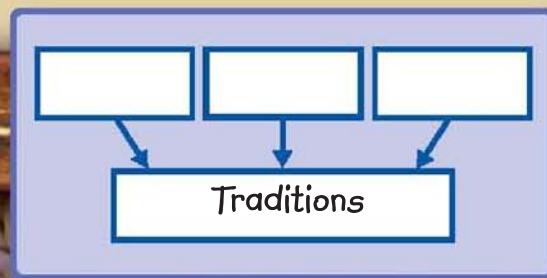
My family and I live in Alaska. Today my grandpa is teaching us how to drum and use traditional Yupik dance fans.

- ▶ Traditions are passed down in my family.
- ▶ Traditions help me learn about my culture and customs.
- ▶ My family's traditions make me proud.

Talk About It



Write words you have learned about traditions. Then talk with a partner about how your family shares traditions.



Vocabulary

Use the picture and the sentence to talk with a partner about each word.



celebrate

Jim and his friends like to **celebrate** the Fourth of July together.

How do you like to celebrate?



courage

Firefighters show bravery and **courage**.

What word means the same as courage?



disappointment

Jason felt **disappointment** when it rained.

How would you show disappointment?



precious

This **precious** necklace is special to my grandmother.

What does the word precious mean?



pride

I take **pride** in the vegetables I grow in my garden.

Name one time you felt pride in something you did.



remind

Mom will **remind** me to clean my room.

When do you need someone to remind you to do something?



symbols

The eagle and the flag are **symbols** of our country.

Name some symbols you know.



tradition

Our Sunday **tradition** is eating dinner together.

Name a tradition that people share.

Your Turn

COLLABORATE



Pick three words. Then write three questions for your partner to answer.

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The Dream Catcher



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What can traditions teach you about cultures?

Read how Peter learns about his culture.



Peter walked home from school. Salty tears ran down his cheeks, and his stomach hurt. He didn't know what to do. Grandmother was waiting for him on the front porch.

"What's wrong, Biyen?" said Peter's grandmother. Biyen was the Ojibwe name for Peter. He called her Nokomis, which means grandmother.

Peter looked up. "I have to give a presentation where I talk about a family **tradition**. I know we have lots of beliefs and customs. Can you **remind** me of one?"

Nokomis smiled and nodded her head.

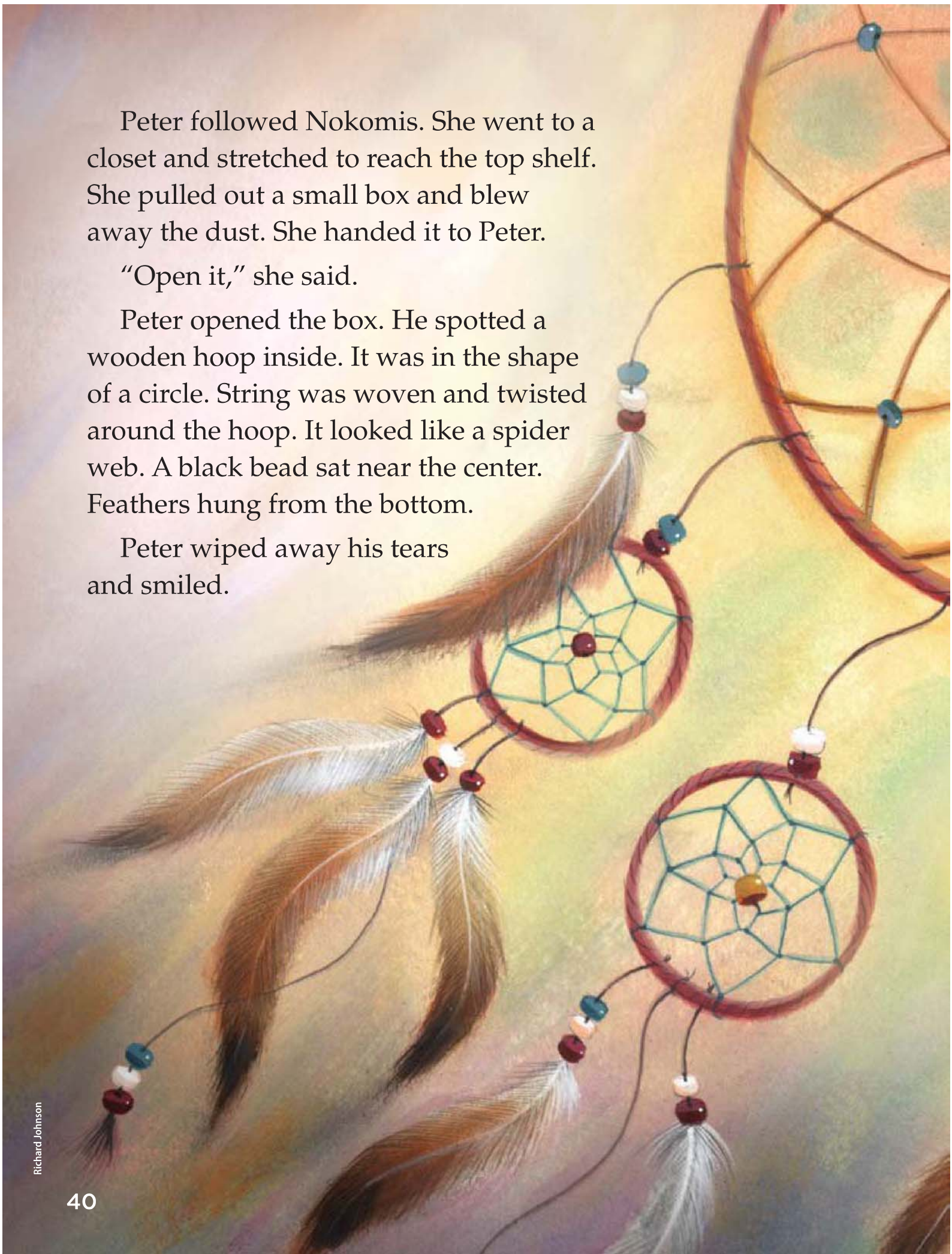
"Come with me," she said.

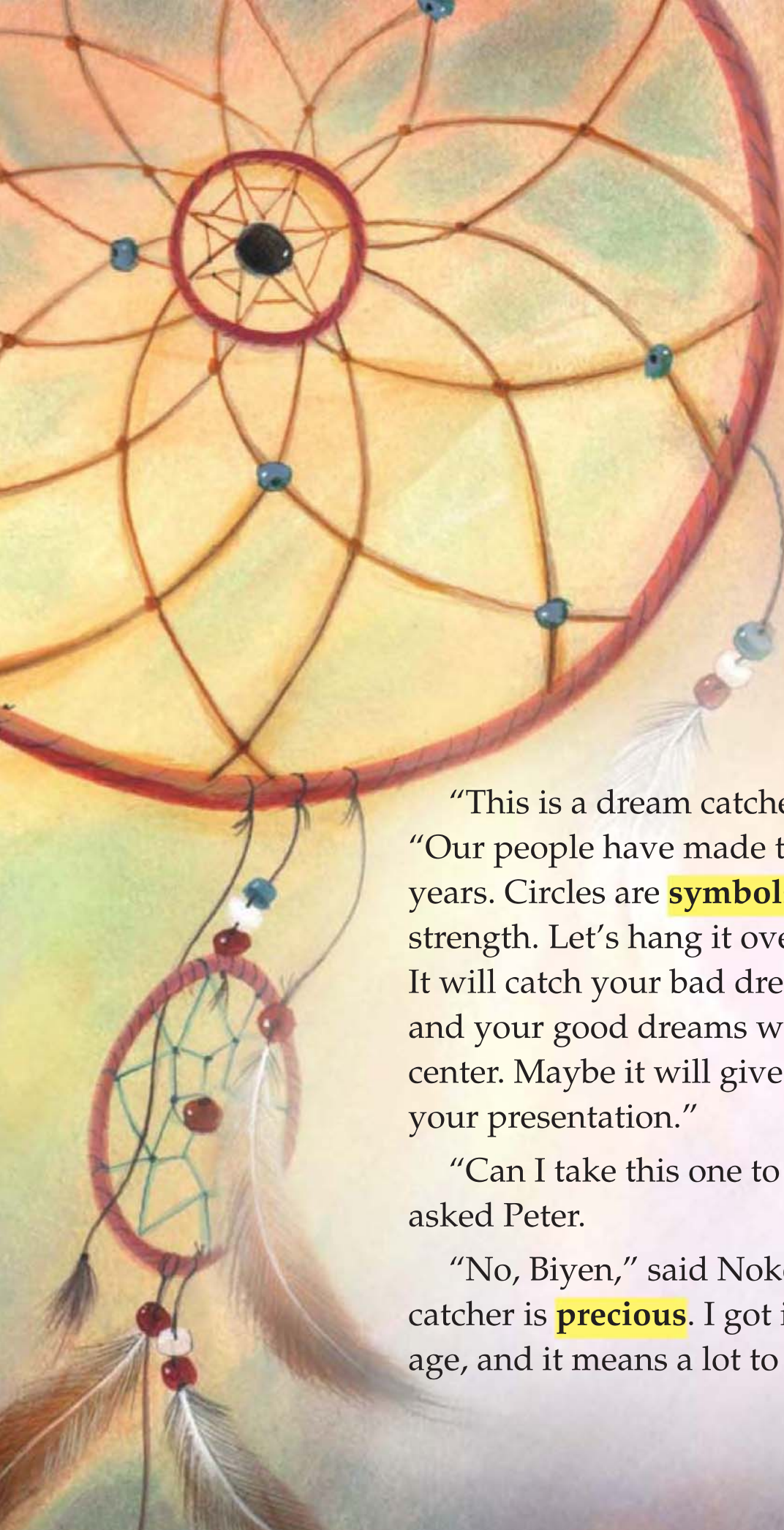
Peter followed Nokomis. She went to a closet and stretched to reach the top shelf. She pulled out a small box and blew away the dust. She handed it to Peter.

“Open it,” she said.

Peter opened the box. He spotted a wooden hoop inside. It was in the shape of a circle. String was woven and twisted around the hoop. It looked like a spider web. A black bead sat near the center. Feathers hung from the bottom.

Peter wiped away his tears and smiled.





“This is a dream catcher,” said Nokomis. “Our people have made these for many years. Circles are **symbols** of unity and strength. Let’s hang it over your bed tonight. It will catch your bad dreams in the web, and your good dreams will fall through the center. Maybe it will give you **courage** to do your presentation.”

“Can I take this one to school?” asked Peter.

“No, Biyen,” said Nokomis. “This dream catcher is **precious**. I got it when I was your age, and it means a lot to me.”



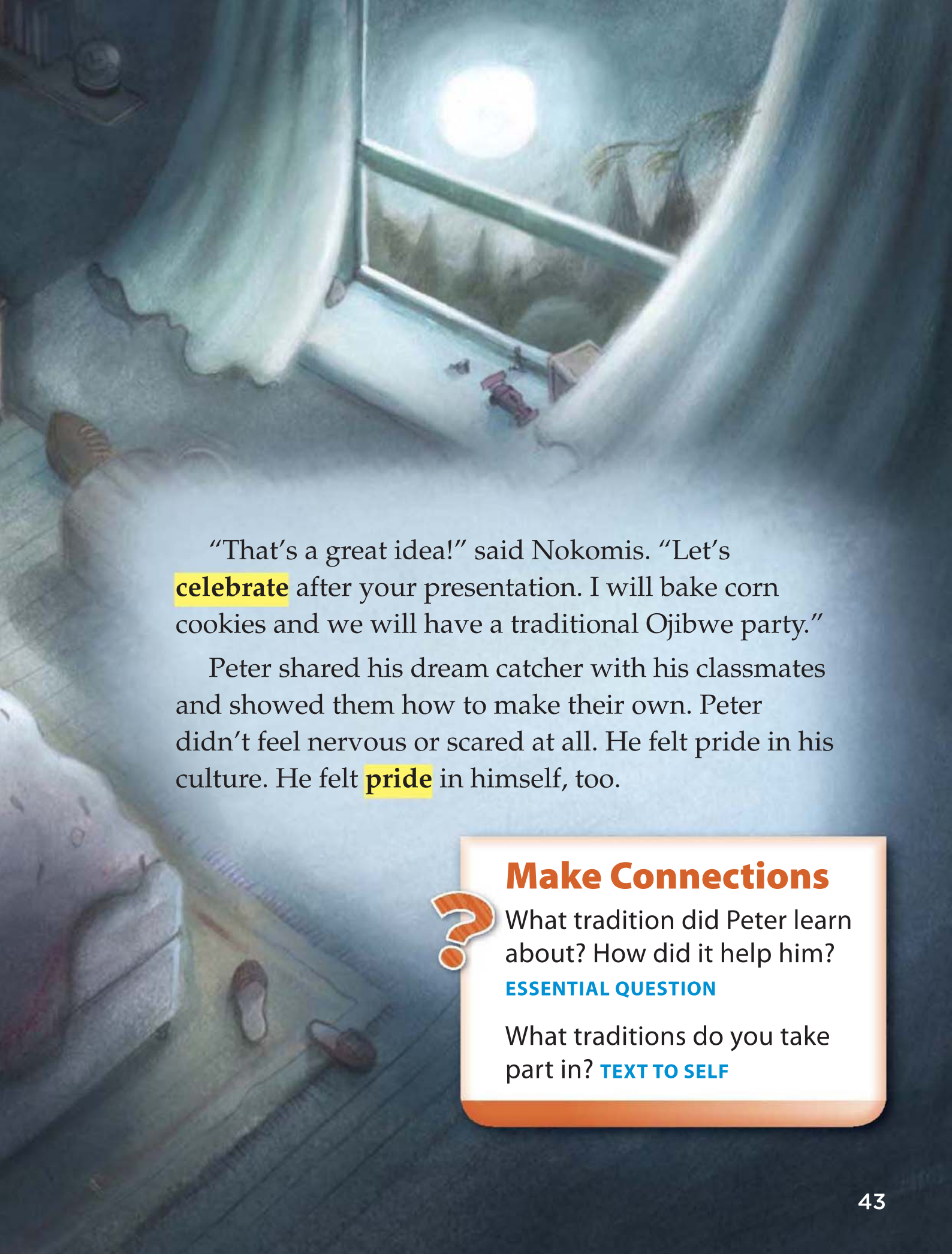
Peter felt **disappointment** because he wanted to share the dream catcher with his class.

“We could make you one,” said Nokomis.

“I’d like that!” cried Peter.

Nokomis and Peter worked together and made a dream catcher. That night, as he gazed and looked at the dream catcher over his bed, he made a plan.

The next morning he told Nokomis his plan. “I’m going to show my class how to make a dream catcher,” he said.



“That’s a great idea!” said Nokomis. “Let’s **celebrate** after your presentation. I will bake corn cookies and we will have a traditional Ojibwe party.”

Peter shared his dream catcher with his classmates and showed them how to make their own. Peter didn’t feel nervous or scared at all. He felt pride in his culture. He felt **pride** in himself, too.

Make Connections



What tradition did Peter learn about? How did it help him?

ESSENTIAL QUESTION

What traditions do you take part in? **TEXT TO SELF**