

## CHAPTER 2

Pre reading:

1. Have you ever gone on a long trip anywhere? Where did you go? How did you travel? How long did it take?

2. As a child I always felt like Costco was a pretty fantastic place. If you have ever been there what did you like about it?

1. At the beginning of Chapter Two Olemaun describes her family's spring migration. How many schooners were traveling with them? How many families were on each schooner? How many days was the trip?

2. Who owned Olemaun's schooner and why was it significant?

3. Who was Old man Pokiak and why was he significant?

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4. What was Olemaun playing with after her father sold his winter catch of furs?

5. What place did Olemaun feel was magical and why?

6. What did Olemaun's mother say to her to try to convince her not to go to school?

7. Why does Olemaun think her mother wants her to stay home from the school? Do you think that Olemaun is correct in her thinking?

8. What things does Olemaun's mother buy her at the Hudson's Bay Company?

9. What do you think was in the white tube that Olemaun's mother bought her?

10. Olemaun's parents wanted to wait until after the first of July to send her to school, what was important about this date and what took place on that day? What reasons does she give for that day being a festive time?

11. Why do you think that Olemaun thought the kids in the garden were "naughty"?

12. What was Olemaun playing with on the first day of the games?

13. Why do you think that Olemaun thought the kids in the garden were "naughty"?

14. Why do you think that the children who got off the boats were feeling so solemn and, as Olemaun's mother said, "didn't want to go to the outsiders' school"?

15. Why do you think that Olemaun's mother's words stung?

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16. Olemaun thinks it will be fun to work at the hospital like a nurse. Do you think it would be fun? What kind of things do you think Olemaun will have to do as a "nurse"?

17. Why do you think that Olemaun will not be allowed to talk to the boys, even if they are her cousins?

18. Why was the school staring to seem less inviting?

19. Do you think that Olemaun should have changed her mind about going to the school? Why or why not? Make a prediction about what would happen if she goes to the school. Make a prediction about if she was to go home.

20. Why does Olemaun decide that she should go to the school?

21. How long does Olemaun say she stays at the school for and why?

22. What do you think that Olemaun meant when she said that the "Sisters, the Fathers and the Brothers...were not family; they were like owls and ravens raising wrens?"

23. What do you think that the hooked nose outsider meant when she told Olemaun's father that, "you certainly can't teach her the things she needs to know."

24. What kind of imagery is recurring by the end of Chapter two?