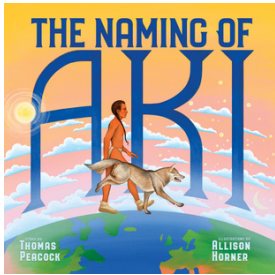


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This retelling of a traditional Ojibwe story celebrates what First Human and First Wolf see, taste, hear, smell, and touch as they wander *Aki*, the Earth, to be the namers of things.

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION PROMPTS

- Most everything has a name, and many names exist in different languages. What is a name? Do you know how you got your name? Why do we give names to people, places, and things?
- The creator tells First Human that they are responsible for caring for the Earth. Think about humanity's relationship with nature. How do you care for the Earth? What are some ways that we can do better in caring for the Earth?
- First Human and *Ma'iingan*, Wolf, wandered Aki, the Earth, as companions. Wolves are similar to dogs; they share a common ancestor. Think about the relationship between humans and dogs. Do you or does someone you know have a dog? How did interacting with the dog make you feel?
- Think of other stories that have wolves; some examples are "Little Red Riding Hood" and "The Three Little Pigs." These stories portray wolves less positively. Some reasons for this negative portrayal could be that wolves may have hunted cattle on farms. Consider the perspectives of wolves in this story and the ones in fairy tales. Why is it important to acknowledge and respect wolves as wild animals?

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