

Approved for use in English III

Summary of the Work:

In a three-voice narrative, N. Scott Momady includes myth, history, and memoir to share the Kiowa traditions. The oral history is organized in three-parts: "The Setting Out," "The Going On," and "The Closing In." The collection begins with Momady's return to his grandmother's home. The Knoll in Oklahoma is named Rainy Mountain. Illustrations by Momaday's father, Al Momaday, are symbolic.

Rationale:

With the mandate for Indian Education for All, this work is a strong inclusion. N. Scott Momaday presents his tribe in a dignified representation. With the myth and historical perspective, the contemporary memoir narrative is well balanced.

Professional Reviews and/or Critical Essays:

- * Print resources are available from the library media center and libraries in the district. Contact any library media specialist to view the scholarly sources.
- * Scholarly reviews are also available online through Books in Print and Gale. Contact the library media specialist to obtain username and password information to access the subscription database of full-text reviews.

Noted Distinction:

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Readability:

- Lexile Score:
- Readability Level:

Learning Resources Guidelines:

- The novel meets the Learning Resources Guidelines.

Standard Alignment: ([link](#))

Approval:

Submitted to Committee:
Approved for Adoption: 2005

Notes on the Text:

(The best way to evaluate and understand a novel is to personally read the book in its entirety.)

The collection is not easy to follow initially with predominately white students and chapter expectations with novels. The puzzle (cut the chapters into three parts and ask students to organize the chapters) is a great strategy to introduce students to Momaday's organization. This idea came from Dorothea Susag's, *Roots and Branches*.

Connection to the Curriculum:

Comparative American authors to N. Scott Momaday may include T.S. Eliot, Edgar Lee Masters, Ezra Pound, Sherwood Anderson, and William Faulkner (Roemer 619-24).

Additional Connections:

(AP, Honors, Essential/Applied, Dramas, Films, etc.)