Questions to deepen understanding of language and culture.

*All of these peoples teach us that there are other ways of being, other ways of thinking, other ways of orienting yourself in the Earth. And this is an idea, if you think about it, can only fill you with hope.*

1. Read the previous quote: in what ways is this “idea” hopeful?
2. Identify some ideas and teachings we can learn from other cultures’ ways of being.
3. “Storytelling can change the world”. Explain what Davis means with this statement.

*It's not change or technology that threatens the integrity of the ethnosphere. It is power, the crude face of domination…. You know, genocide, the physical extinction of a people is universally condemned, but ethnocide, the destruction of people's way of life, is not only not condemned, it's universally, in many quarters, celebrated as part of a development strategy.*

1. Who has the power in this world? What is the “development strategy”?

*A language is a flash of the human spirit. It's a vehicle through which the soul of each particular culture comes into the material world. Every language is an old-growth forest of the mind, a watershed, a thought, an ecosystem of spiritual possibilities.*

1. Explain the quotation above in your own words, using concrete examples.