Keeper N Me Study Questions

1. What does the narrator mean by the term “downtown cool”?
2. Explain: *“I could feel that lifelong feeling of wind whistling through my guts getting quieter and quieter.”*
3. What identity has Garnet Raven taken on? How do you know?
4. How does Wagamese portray the people of the White Dog reserve?
5. Why do you think the narrator’s mother is not there to meet him?
6. *“But they still come for the kids. They come with their T.V. money, big inventions and ideas. They come with big promises ‘bout livin in the world, with their politics and welfare. They come with their rap music, break dancing, and funny ways of dressin. All kinds of shiny things. Kids get all excited, funny in the head ‘bout things, wanna go chasin after all that stuff. Tradition? Ah, it’s just borin stuff for old folks…. Harder for kids to come back from these things than from them schools or foster homes sometimes.”*

Explain what is meant by the previous quotation.

1. *“When you quit lookin around at nature you quit learnin the natural way. The world gets to be something you gotta control so your always fightin it.”*

What can we learn from the “natural world”. List some ways in which we try to control it.

1. Identify the theme of the story. Once you have decided on a theme, create a theme statement.