



## General questions

1. What problems can you identify in this story? Are solutions presented?
2. In what way might this story be relevant in your community?

## Further exploration

1. Activist Nick Tilsen says that rebuilding indigenous societies and communities begins with the land. How could indigenous land ownership of the Black Hills help break generational poverty?
2. Cite three arguments in favor of accepting and three in rejecting the monetary restitution, as tribal leaders have done. What might have been the impact or consequence of accepting the U.S. government's settlement?
3. Nonprofit advocacy groups that work on the Pine Ridge Reservation say up to a third of all households there are not hooked up for basic electricity and sewer services. How would lacking access to basic amenities like these impact your life? What hurdles prevent connecting these homes to basic utilities?
4. Nick Tilsen's trial is scheduled for spring of 2021. How do you think the outcome of the trial could impact the Land Back movement?

5. There have been recent examples--in Oklahoma and Minnesota--where the courts or government have acknowledged tribal ownership of land. Based on those examples, how might a similar scenario play out in the Black Hills. Keep in mind the quote from Nick Tilsen: "We're not trying to kick anybody out of their homes...to perpetuate what was done to us."