

INFORMATIONAL READING COMPREHENSION:

WATER PROTECTORS

Answer the following questions about the article.

SAMPLE ANSWERS

1. Complete the chart below with at least three similarities and three differences between Josephine Mandamin, Autumn Peltier, and Deb Haaland based on the information in the text.

	Josephine Mandamin	Autumn Peltier	Deb Haaland
Similarities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All are members of indigenous groups of North America. • They care about environmental protection and water in particular. • All three have taken action to support their values. 		
Differences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • prompted to act after hearing a prophecy • founded Mother Earth Water Walk • walked over 10,000 miles to bring awareness of water pollution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Josephine Mandamin’s great-niece • spoke at the UN in 2018 about protecting Earth’s water • became the Anishinaabek Chief Water Commissioner at age 14 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • member of the Pueblo Laguna of New Mexico • first Native American Secretary of the Interior • expressed her commitment to using the power of the federal government to protect and manage water resources

2. Based on the text, what three things inspired Josephine Mandamin to begin her water walks?

- A. hearing a prophecy from an elder about the price of water in the future
- B. her firsthand observation of water pollution in the Serpent River First Nation
- C. her firsthand observation of water pollution in Lake Superior
- D. her deep love and respect for animals that live in the water
- E. the summers she spent in her grandparents’ village
- F. her belief in the traditional Anishinaabe values of women protecting Earth’s water

3. Read the following excerpt from the passage.

“The elder had had a dream that because of pollution, the price of an ounce of water would be as high as the price of an ounce of gold within 30 years. Mandamin realized then that the global community was facing a water crisis.”

Why do you think Josephine Mandamin was alarmed after hearing this prophecy?

Gold is very expensive, so if water were the same price as gold, it would be too expensive and people wouldn't have access to it. Josephine Mandamin probably believed that clean fresh water would become even rarer in the future if people didn't work to clean it up.

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4. According to the text, what two factors influenced Autumn Peltier’s decision to speak out about water pollution?

1. **inspiration from her great-aunt Josephine Mandamin’s water walks**

2. **seeing the water pollution at the Serpent River First Nation lands**

5. According to the text, which of the following influenced Secretary Haaland's values?

A. Josephine Mandamin’s water walks

C. summers spent with her grandparents

B. Autumn Peltier’s UN speech

D. seeing water pollution in Colorado

6. Write the correct letter to match the words from the passage with their synonyms on the right.

<u> E </u> prophecy	A. pledge
<u> D </u> crisis	B. polluted
<u> B </u> contaminated	C. confirmed
<u> A </u> commitment	D. disaster
<u> C </u> acknowledged	E. prediction



BONUS!

Think about the impact of water in your own life. Choose one or more of the activities below to complete.

- Make a list of all the ways you and your family use water regularly. Think of ways you might be able to conserve water.
- Research your local water source(s). Find out where your water comes from and how it’s managed by your local leaders.
- Humans aren’t the only ones who rely on water. Make a list of wildlife in your area that lives in or near your local water sources.
- Look up some ways to prevent water pollution in your local community. Share your ideas with others!