Today's Learning Intention: I can listen to a song and read the song lyrics to think about what the song-writer's message might mean?

Lesson 3: Secret Path Stranger Lyrics by Gord Downie and Jeff Lemire

Note: This lesson was done after we introduced with Lesson 1 and 2 and the classroom teacher went over the images in the Secret Path first as a whole class.

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Review of what we did last time and what you have been up to since I was last here...

Review Compassion Poster and ideas for self-care—get examples...

Review the Driving Question:

• How does learning about one person's story give us an idea about the impact of residential school on people in Canada? How is this a story for all Canadians?

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Watch The Stranger video...with the lyrics this time

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=za2VzjkwtFc

This is the introduction to the longer, Secret Path video.

Have students listen to the lyrics and make notes on their paper about what they notice, think and wonder. Model the thinking out loud with the first few lines of the song.

Ask, What do you notice, think, wonder? What do you connect to? What does this make you think of? What images come to mind? Students can highlight text, draw pictures, write their connections and background knowledge right on the paper beside the lyrics.
The Stranger
I am the Stranger
You can't see me
I am the Stranger
Do you know what I mean
I navigate the mud
I walk above the path
Jumping to the right
And then I jump to the left
On a Secret Path
The one that nobody knows
And I'm moving fast
On the path nobody knows

And what I'm feeling
Is anyone's guess
What is in my head
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I'm not gonna stop
I'm just catching my breath
They're not gonna stop
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He wants you to know his story and about the residential

Know about Charlie's story and understand
Teacher’s interpretation...

....? (the song writer—Gord Downie,) Wanted you to know the truth about first nations kids. What they went through when they were so young.