

## Lesson Plan to Accompany *The Song of Hiawatha*

### Read: *The Song of Hiawatha*

This poem begins with the Great Spirit recounting how Hiawatha is born and ends with the coming of the white man and Hiawatha's death. We all have our own birth story to tell. Reflect upon what you know of your arrival into this world. Who are your ancestors and from what lands did they come from? To what questions would you like to know the answers?

Or

Creation myths and spiritual/philosophical ideologies are the safe havens and homes of our minds and souls. What are the dominant ideas that provide this vision for Americans in general or for you today?

### Create one or all of these:

- **Family Tree:** List the names of your ancestors and where they came from.
- **Oral history:** Tape or write down accounts from your relatives that would be interesting to pass on to your children and other family members.
- **Mama Foods:** Collect recipes of loved ones whose dishes have become part of family gatherings and traditions.

