



Teacher Prompt Sheet – Discussion for 'The Journey of Energy on Country'

Part 1 – The Sun and the Land

- What are some places on Country where you see the Sun's energy helping life grow?
- Why is the Sun so important to both plants and people?
- Can you name a plant or tree from your area that uses the Sun's energy to grow strong?

Part 2 – The Tree and Photosynthesis

- What is special about how plants use energy?
- Have you ever seen a tree grow in the same place for a long time? What changes do you notice?
- How do people care for or use trees on Country – what are their uses or cultural importance?

Part 3 – Time Passing and Oil, Gas and Coal Forming

- Why do you think it takes so long for oil, gas and coal to form?
- Can energy be stored for a long time? How?
- Why do you think people mine things like coal, oil and gas from the land and sea floor? How might that affect Country?

Part 4 – Oil, Gas and Coal to Electricity

- What kind of energy is made when oil, gas and coal is burned?
- What things in your home or classroom use electricity?
- Why is it important to understand where our electricity comes from?

Part 5 – Energy in Our Lives

- How does this story help us think about our connection to the land and energy?
- Can you think of any ways to use energy that are kinder to Country?
- What do you think Elders might say about how energy flows through nature and time?