



**Snapshot Response to  
“Pushing Up the Sky”  
by Joseph Bruchac**

1. If someone asked what this Selection Snapshot is about, how would you summarize it? Think about the problem the people had and how they solved it.

Possible response: This is about people having problems because the sky is too low. They all work together to solve this problem by pushing up the sky with poles.

2. Why do you think a totem pole was carved to tell this story of the Snohomish people to future generations?

Possible response: I think a totem pole was carved because this is an important story about nature. Elders wanted to make sure it would be told to future generations.

3. What two things does this Snapshot explain about nature?

It explains about why the sky (and clouds) seem so high above us, and about how the stars show up in the night sky.