

April Raintree Chapter 12-17

These chapters focus on the breakdown of the sisters' relationship. Cheryl's deceptions and April's inability to forgive Cheryl's behaviour are central to the breakdown. The following questions guide the thinking through the final chapters of the story. As usual, you need to answer in complete sentences AND provide page numbers to refer to portions of the book.

- 1) Do you agree that Cheryl's deceptions and April's inability to forgive her sister are the key factors that contribute to the breakdown of their relationship? Give specific examples that support your point of view.
- 2) What other factors contribute to the rift between the sisters?
- 3) In chapter 13, Cheryl and April attend a powwow in Roseau River. Cheryl recites a piece that she wrote in university that was never published, because it was thought to be too controversial. Would this be considered controversial today? Explain your answer.
- 4) Reflect on Cheryl's message and its importance in relation to our present-day environmental issues. What connections do you see between how Aboriginal peoples have been treated, both past and present, and the detrimental factors affecting our current environmental situation?