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## SCHOOL PERFORMANCE SERIES STUDY GUIDE



*Mistatim* is a story about friendship. A wooden fence is all that separates Calvin's ranch and Speck's reservation, but in many ways they are worlds apart. An unlikely friendship is struck between the two 11-year olds when Calvin attempts to 'break' a horse that no one else can tame in to prove himself to his father. Speck, who is struggling to find her place in her family, discovers her gift to communicate with horses. Working together to tame the wild horse, Calvin and Speck learn to communicate with one another across the divide of their own cultures.

### Did You Know?

- This play was written and staged by First Nations performance company called, Red Sky Dance Theatre. The company is located in Toronto, Canada.
- One of the main characters, Speck, is First Nations, in the United States we would refer to her as Native American.
- The word mistatim means horse in the Cree (Native American tribe) language.
- In this play, there is a fence. Calvin lives on a ranch with his family on one side, and Speck lives on the other side, on the reservation with her family. Do you think this story could take place in our state of Kansas? If so, why? (HINT: do we have ranches and reservations in Kansas?)
- Did you know "Kansas" is a Native American word? It comes from the tribal name Kansa, meaning "south wind people."
- A reservation is an area of land managed or controlled by a Native American tribe or nation under the U.S. Government. In Canada they are called "reserves."

## WORDSEARCH!

M O P A K C I K C I A  
 X I Y H X H S J O O M T  
 E O S J A O R M W K C I  
 P O F S T P A A E O H H  
 K B Y Y O N A I W S E C  
 B H J Q C U K R L A Y I  
 V W X H O V R E A G E W  
 A N E X N K E I Y E N C  
 K A N S A N I V A R N A  
 P O T A W A T O M I E S  
 C T C A E O T O W L N B  
 Q S P U U O G R V A F X

Can you find these Native American tribes and nations in the wordsearch?

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|-------------------|----------|
| ARAPAHO (example) | KICKAPOO |
| CHEYENNE          | KIOWA    |
| COMANCHE          | MISSOURI |
| FOX               | OSAGE    |
| IOWA              | PAWNEE   |
| POTAWATOMI        | KANSA    |
| WICHITA           | SAC      |

### Did You Know?

All of these tribes and nations lived in what is now Kansas at one point in our country's history. Now the Potawatomi, Kickapoo, Sac-Fox and Iowa live in Kansas.



Mother's Day Powwow, Haskell 2011

### Haskell Indian Nations University

Haskell Indian Nations University is right here in Lawrence! For more than 117 years, Haskell has been educating Native American students from across the United States. You can learn a lot about Kansas history and Native Americans in Kansas by visiting Haskell's Cultural Center and Museum. You can also join in the celebration of the rich culture at one of Haskell's many powwows.

### Experience Life on a Ranch

*Mistatim* takes place on a ranch and on a reservation. Did you know there are over 25 ranches in Kansas? You can explore the life of a cowboy or cowgirl by visiting one of Kansas' many working ranches. A visit to a local ranch such as the historic Cottonwood Ranch in Studley, Kansas, could teach you more about the ranching culture that involves raising livestock.

Visit the following links with a parent for more information:

- [www.redskyperformance.com/Mistatim](http://www.redskyperformance.com/Mistatim)
- [lied.ku.edu/school-performances-programs](http://lied.ku.edu/school-performances-programs)
- [www.haskell.edu/cultural-center](http://www.haskell.edu/cultural-center)

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