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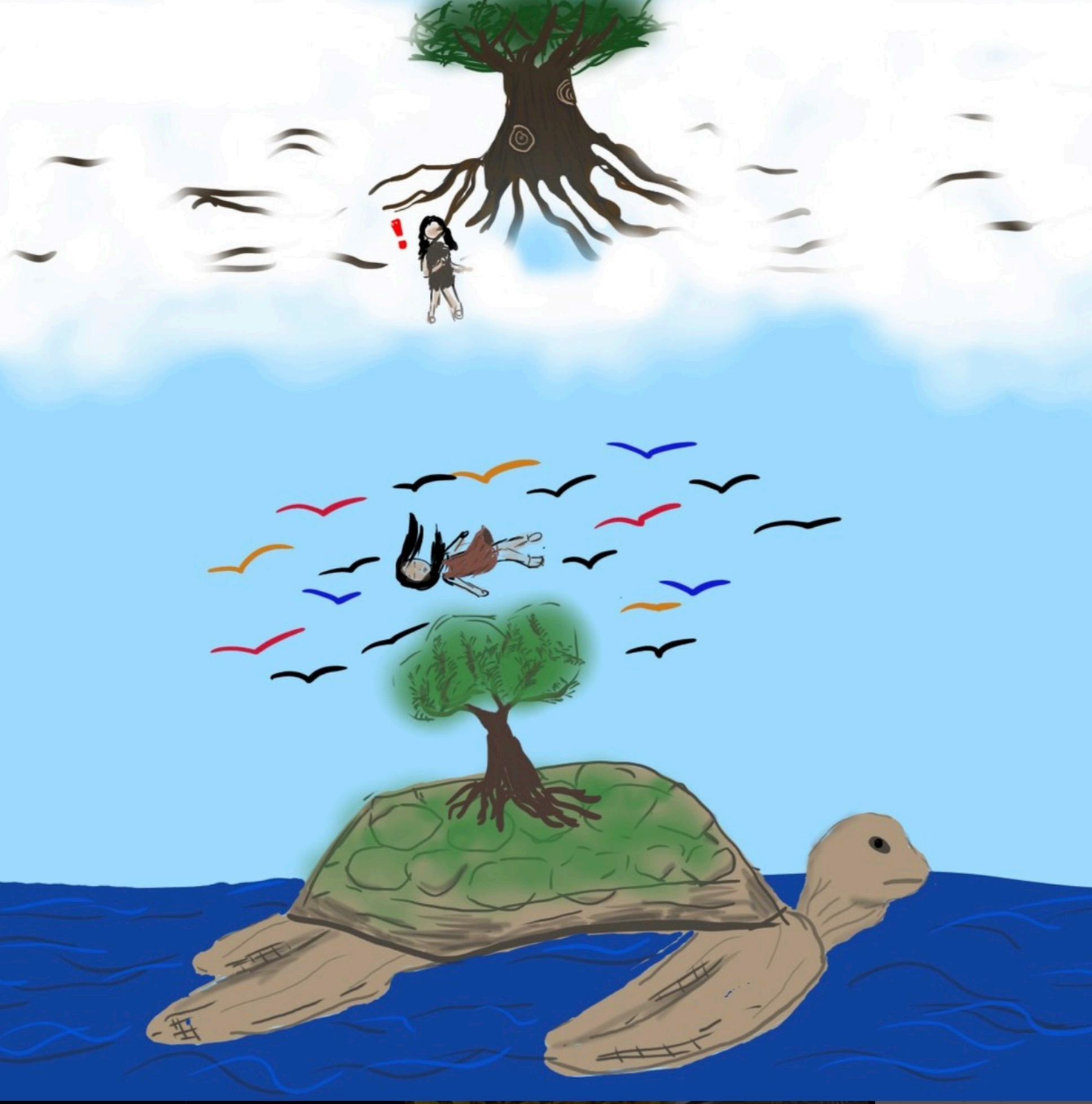
Previous reading from english class:

Title: The World on the Turtle's Back

Synopsis:

The "Iroquois Creation Story" recounts the emergence of Earth on the back of a giant turtle. In this narrative, a celestial being named Sky Woman falls through a hole in the sky and lands on the back of a giant turtle in an endless sea. Animals residing below the sea dive to bring up soil to create land for her. Toads and beavers try but fail, until Muskrat successfully retrieves enough soil. Sky Woman then plants a magical tree that grows fruits and gives birth to twins: the right-handed twin, who embodies positive forces, and the left-handed twin, representing negative forces. The twins grew up and created an orderly and balanced world that embodies the duality of nature and human behavior. As conflict between the twins fosters, they engage in a cosmic struggle, with the right-handed twin ultimately prevailing. The left-handed twin still lives but now reigns somewhere below the world. During the day, the people live under the reign of the right-handed twin; at night, everyone enters the realm of the left-handed twin. This narrative illustrates the importance of balance and harmony in Iroquois culture, emphasizing the interconnectedness of all living beings and the responsibility to maintain equilibrium in the world. It also highlights the significance of the everlasting connection between the Iroquois people and nature since creation.





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