

# LITTLE BROWN GIRL

*A CONVERSATION AROUND THE GIFTS WE CARRY WITH LEONA PRINCE*

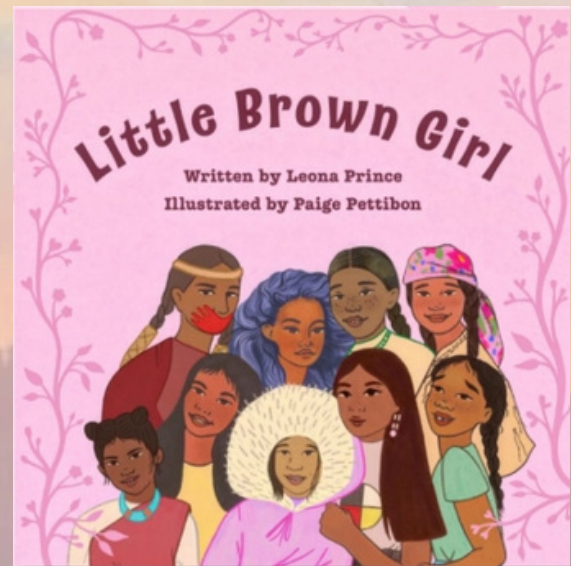


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**Leona Prince reads her newest story, *Little Brown Girl*. This story encourages readers to love all parts of themselves and to recognize the gifts they carry to share with the world. Written in a poetic voice, it speaks to our connection to ourselves, our ancestors, and the beauty of who we are—inside and out.**

**Leona also shares her journey as an author and the inspiration behind the story. She reflects on the realities of gender-based violence in our country and her desire to create something that empowers young girls. Her writing celebrates the beauty and brilliance of Indigenous people—and *Little Brown Girl* is a powerful reflection of that.**

**We invite you to have a conversation with your students after the reading, guided by the discussion questions provided. From there, students can create a piece of artwork that showcases the gifts and medicines they carry within them to share with the world.**



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS AND ACTIVITY



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- 1) What gifts does the character in the story have?
- 2) How are qualities like intelligence or bravery gifts? What actions might those qualities turn into and how can those actions be good for our school or community?
- 3) Think about your own qualities and gifts and the qualities and gifts of all our friends in this room.

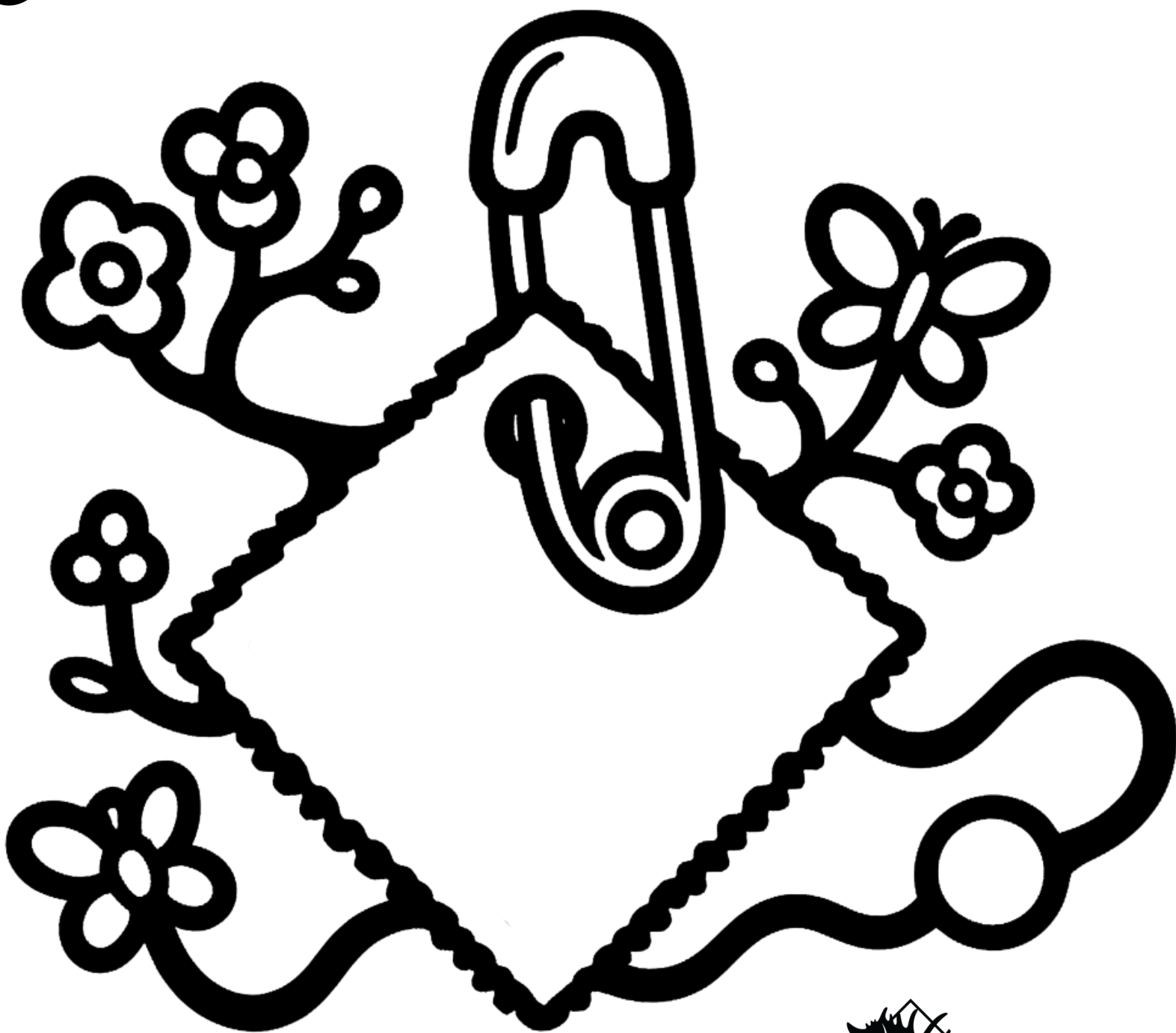
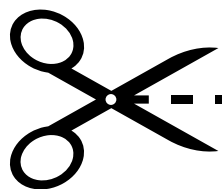
We invite you to lead an interactive activity with your class or school community. Write each student and staff member's name on a piece of paper and place them all into a "hat." Each person will then draw a name. On the back of that name, they will write one gift or strength they see in that person.

You can choose to share these aloud as a group, or return them privately so each person can see the gifts their peers recognize in them.

We then invite students to do the art project on the following page. This activity helps students with self reflection and supports them as they connect with their own gifts and medicines.

Each person carries their own unique gifts and medicines to share with the world. For some, it might be laughter or kindness—there are many ways these gifts can show up.

Take a moment to colour in the medicine below. Inside the moose hide pin, write one gift you carry and would like to share with the world.



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