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## Discussion Questions

Watch the video segment featuring Preston Singletary from the NATURE episode, who is only one of a few Native American artists who uses glass as a transformational medium to tell the story of the Tlinglit people's connections to the natural world.

"Native people are the best storytellers in the world because our stories carried knowledge. And that knowledge was needed to survive in a particular environment."

— Miranda Belarde-Lewis, Independent Curator

. Answer the questions below.

1. What does the word ecology mean?
2. How are art materials and ecology connected?
3. How do we understand our world through stories?
4. What are the Tlinglet people's connections to the natural world? Why is it important?
5. Who is Preston Singletary and what does he do?

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6. How does Preston Singletary capture the motion and magnificence of wild creatures in glass?
7. Why is Preston Singletary known as the ambassador of glass?
8. What is the theme of Singletary's artwork?
9. Why is glass considered a transformational medium?