Lyons, Oren. Year of Indigenous Peoples. Speech to the United Nations, New York. 10 Dec. 1992. *Voice of Indigenous Peoples.* USA: Clear Light, 1994. Pg. 33. Print.



Oren Lyons, a Faithkeeper of the Turtle Clan from the Seneca Nations, gave this speech to the United Nations in 1992, making it a strong primary source when investigating and studying the history of Aboriginal relations with North Americans. The purpose of this speech is to explain the traditions and beliefs of the Indigenous People of the Great Turtle Island to the world leaders of the United Nations in hopes that it will bring understanding and a better knowledge of Aboriginal peoples everywhere. Lyons states that their “leaders [are] instructed to be men of vision and to make every decision on behalf of the seventh generation to come; to have compassion and love for those generations yet unborn. We [are] instructed to give thanks for All That Sustains [Them.]” By sharing even a small piece of their ideals with the leaders of the United Nations, a better understanding can be cultivated between all peoples. A strong value of this speech would be that it is a primary source, making it a valuable piece when used to investigate differing worldviews between Aboriginal and Western cultures, as well as the struggling relationship between the two. A limitation of this speech would be the fact that it could be bound by political formalities due to the audience it was given to.



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| **Note from Mr. Shields** – As discussed in class, this is only a so-so annotation/OPVCL. It is quite successful in establishing the Origin and Purpose, but the effectiveness declines after that. It needs further Content (2 pieces) to show a wider range of engagement with the source, and the Values and Limitations are quite weak. Be sure to follow the success criteria on the assignment sheet and the OPCVL research sheet. Also remember that the citation itself is in Chicago format, not APA. This will discussed prior to this being due. |