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CLOUDY WATERS
Dakota Reflections on the River

- 1.) **Listen** to the 24-minute audio “Cloudy Waters: Dakota Reflections on the River”. It can be found on the Mississippi River page of the Bdote Memory Map.
- 2.) **Take Notes** of what you hear.* What struck you most? What will you remember? What does the river mean to some people? What does the river give? How many different ways is the river used? How does the tragedy of the aftermath of the Dakota War change the meaning of the river for some people? How have some people gotten sustenance from the river?
- 3.) **Read** the collection of writing and poetry “Dakota Reflections on the River”.
http://www.bdotememorymap.org/sites/all/themes/bdote/zen/pdf/reflectionsbook_9-15.pdf How are these writings similar or different to what you heard? What emotions does the river bring in people?
- 4.) **Write** a summary of your notes and your own reflections. What does the river mean? What is your own relationship with the river? Do you know someone who has a close relationship with the river? How did the 35w bridge collapse change the meaning of the river for you? What relationship would you like to have with the river? How could the river be used to heal?

* The artist requests: *Please not WHILE listening. This is an art piece, the idea is to be taken to places you don't expect, like the experience of sitting in silence next to the river – things happen internally, we learn things in a new way....afterwards listeners can free flow write reactions – but it's not a lecture.*