Teacher's notes and answer key

Anansi and Loki – Two Tricksters, Two Continents

Subjects: English · Ethics · History | recommended from age 11 (A2/B1) | Video: 8:40 min

Answers B

1. “Spider” in Twi, the language of the Ashanti (Ghana).
2. The python Onini, the hornets Mmoboro and the invisible forest spirit Mmoatia.
3. Anansi angrily threw down the pot of all wisdom when his son Ntikuma had a better idea; it broke and the wisdom spread across the world.
4. Loki had cut off Sif's hair and had dwarves forge new hair of gold to make up for it; a contest between two dwarf clans also produced Gungnir, Skidbladnir and Mjölnir.
5. His stories travelled with enslaved people to the Americas (“Nancy Stories”); a figure who outwits the powerful became a symbol of secret resistance.

Answer C

Correct numbers from top to bottom: 4 – 7 – 1 – 6 – 2 – 8 – 3 – 5

Notes on D and E

E: Anansi – a spider, sometimes a man with spider features, between god and human / switches between spider and human form / gives humanity all stories (folk tales = “spider stories”) / remains a respected hero. Loki – son of two giants, Odin's blood brother / a mare, a salmon, an old woman / gets the gods Mjölnir, Gungnir, Skidbladnir / is bound and fights the gods at Ragnarök.

Content note and age

Recommended from age 11. Baldr's death and slavery are mentioned, neither in graphic detail.

Sources of the retelling: Anansi tales of the Ashanti and the Caribbean; the Prose Edda.

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