Teacher's notes and answer key

Raven Steals the Light

Subjects: English · Ethics · Art | recommended from age 10 (A2) | Video: 9:42 min

Answers B

1. A rich old chief at the head of a river; in three carved cedar boxes in the far corner of his longhouse.
2. The house was guarded day and night; a thief would never have got out alive.
3. He turned into a hemlock needle; the chief's daughter drank it with her water, became pregnant and gave birth to him as a boy.
4. First the stars, then the moon, finally the sun; each time he cried until his grandfather gave in, and let the lights escape through the smoke hole.
5. The smoke in the smoke hole turned his once snow-white feathers soot-black.

Answer C

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

Notes on D and E

E: stars – in the box → in the night sky; moon – in the box → in the sky; sun – in the box, endless night → day and night, the world becomes visible; ravens – white → black.

Art link: the motif is one of the most common on totem poles, masks and chiefs' hats of the Northwest Coast.

Content note and age

Recommended from age 10. No disturbing scenes.

Sources of the retelling: the Raven cycle of the Haida, Tlingit and neighbouring peoples; many versions.

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