Raven Steals the Light

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



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A · Before watching

1. Imagine a world with no light at all. What would you no longer be able to do?

B · While watching

1. Who owned the sun, moon and stars at first – and where were they kept?

2. Why couldn't Raven simply steal the boxes?

3. How did Raven become part of the chief's family?

4. In what order did he free the lights of the sky – and how?

5. According to the story, why are ravens black?

Useful words

darkness	Dunkelheit	grandson	Enkel
chief	Häuptling	to cry	weinen
box	Kiste	smoke	Rauch
needle	Nadel	feathers	Federn

C · Put the story in order

Number the events from 1 to 8 in the order they happen in the video.

	The chief's daughter swallows it while drinking.
	He turns back into Raven and flies off with the sun.
	A rich chief keeps the sun, moon and stars in three boxes.
	The boy lets out the stars and then the moon.
	Raven circles over the village and makes a plan.
	Light breaks over the world.
	He turns himself into a hemlock needle.
	A boy is born, and his grandfather loves him dearly.

D · Think and discuss

1. Raven doesn't act out of kindness but because he can't stand the dark any longer. Is he still a hero?

2. Coyote got fire with a team, Raven got light alone. Which way do you prefer – and why?

E · What does the story explain?

Origin stories often explain several things at once. Complete the table.

	What was it like before?	What is it like since then?
stars		
moon		
sun / daylight		
ravens' feathers		

F · Get creative

1. In your exercise book, tell the story from the point of view of the grandfather who loved his grandson more than anything (8–10 sentences).