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1. In "Coyote and the Buffalo," Coyote is presented as a

☐ helpful culture hero. ☐ clever deceiver. ☐ numskull.

Details:

2. In "Fox and Coyote and Whale," Fox is presented as a

☐ helpful culture hero. ☐ clever deceiver. ☐ numskull.

Details:

1. Think about folklorist Stith Thompson's ideas about the three roles of tricksters. For each story, make marks in the appropriate small boxes to tell which roles Coyote and Fox play. (They may play more than one role.) Then note details from each story that support your choices. (15 points each)

Read over the questions below and think about the main characters as well as the sequence of events in the selection. Then answer each question in one or two sentences.

2. Why does Coyote do what he does when he finds Buffalo Bull's skull?
3. How do Coyote and Buffalo Bull help each other?
4. What are the consequences of Coyote disregarding Buffalo Bull's warning?
5. Why is it that Fox's "heart was heavy" and how does he try to fix the situation?
6. Fox says that Whale can no longer live in rivers but must stay in the ocean. What reason does Fox give for this?

Answer Sheet

1. 1. Notes will vary, but most students will write notes suggesting that Coyote is presented as a numskull because
 - a. he needs to call on his spirit power to get him out of his predicament with Bull Buffalo.
 - b. he is fooled by birds, an old woman, and a young cow.
 - c. the Okanogan credit his greed and foolishness for the fact that no buffalo live on their lands.Other answers should be supported with appropriate details from the story.
2. Notes will vary, but most students will write notes suggesting that Fox is presented as a clever deceiver because he
 - a. disguises himself as a Water Maiden.
 - b. deceives the Water People.
 - c. successfully recovers his wife.Other answers should be supported with appropriate details from the story.
2. Coyote throws and kicks the skull because he enjoys taking revenge on an enemy who chased and frightened him.
3. Coyote carves a pair of heavy horns for Buffalo Bull, and Buffalo Bull gives Coyote a cow.
4. Coyote ignores the warning never to kill the cow because he becomes tired of eating only fat. He kills the cow so that he can eat the meat. Coyote's action has a far-reaching effect; since Buffalo Bull will not give him another cow, Coyote returns to his own country without a buffalo and none have ever lived there.
5. Fox is heavy-hearted because his wife has fallen in love with Whale, the monster-man, and gone off with him. He and Coyote travel to the land of the Water People to try to get her back.
6. Fox says that Whale must live only in the ocean because in the rivers he might continue to flirt with and love the wives of men and lure them away from their husbands.

Standards Summary: All Standards In Test

SAT 9 2.2.1	Specific Detail
SAT 9 2.3.2	Action/Reason/Sequence
Terra Nova 1.1.1	identifying stated information
Terra Nova 2.2.3	character
Terra Nova 3.1.5	judging author purpose