

GRAY WOLF'S SEARCH

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Gray Wolf, a boy who lives on the Pacific Northwest Coast with the other members of the Wolf Clan, is tasked by his shaman uncle to find someone important and get to know this person well. After receiving clues from Eagle, Bear, Whale, Beaver, Owl and Wolf about the person he seeks, Gray Wolf returns to the clan to share his new wisdom.



WITS Connection: Talk it out, Seek help

Questions and Activities



PRE-READING ACTIVITIES

- Distribute the [Gray Wolf handout](#) to students and help them colour and label the parts of the wolf. *Suggested responses are: 1. Large ears; 2. Thick gray, brown, tan, black and white fur; 3. Long, bushy tail, often black-tipped; 4. Long legs; 5. Large, sharp teeth.*
- Learn more about the gray wolf by visiting <http://www.srd.alberta.ca/FishWildlife/WildSpecies/Mammals/WildDogs/GrayWolf.aspx>
- The gray wolf is an endangered species. Learn more about endangered species at www.bcarchives.bc.ca/School_Programs/end_species/es_plans/es_plans.html.



PRE-READING QUESTIONS

1. Take a look at the cover of the book. Based on what you see, where do you think the story takes place?
2. Which of the cover illustrations do you think the title *Gray Wolf* refers to: the boy, the mask or the wolf?
3. What does it mean to search for something? What helps make a search successful?
4. What do you think Gray Wolf seeks?



POST-READING QUESTIONS

1. Why does Raven's Head ask Gray Wolf to find and get to know a very important person? *Gray Wolf's role and the well-being of the tribe depend on it.*
2. How long did it take Gray Wolf to search for this important person? *About a year.*
3. What was Raven's Head's advice after Gray Wolf searched for a year? *"Look closer to home. Look within."*
4. Who was the important person that Gray Wolf was searching for? *His family, his community and himself.*

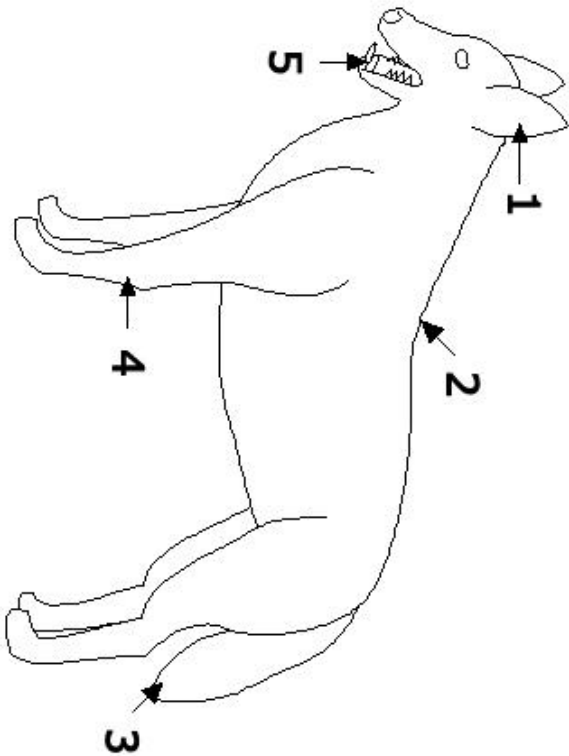


POST-READING ACTIVITIES

- Distribute the [Magnifying Glass handout](#) and have students draw pictures to accompany the statements on the sheet.

Gray Wolf's Search: Gray Wolf Handout

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- 1. _____
- 2. _____
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- 4. _____
- 5. _____

Gray Wolf's Search: Magnifying Glass Handout

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Have you seen a very important person?

