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American Literature

Native American creation myths and legends (15 points)

Directions: Each question is worth up to 3 points. 2 points are available for the quality of your answer and its accuracy to the texts. 1 point is available for writing in full sentences with correct grammar.

1. Pick one of the creation stories (Cherokee, Iroquois, Lakota, or Sioux) and explain how the world was made. Also explain what that creation story says about the people who made it and their general view of the physical and spiritual worlds.
2. Pick one animal that is of spiritual importance in at least one of the stories we’ve read. Explain that animal’s role(s) in the story/stories and how that role both reflects the animal in real life and the view people had of the animal in those cultures.
3. Identify and explain one connection between the Native American creation stories and myths we’ve read and the Judaism and Christian traditional beliefs.
4. Do some quick research online on how Greeks believe Prometheus gave man fire. In a few sentences, please explain how the story of Prometheus is similar to “How Coyote Stole Fire” and how the story is also different. Compare and contrast them.
5. Which of the N.A. stories is your favorite? Please explain what you liked about it! 😊