

# Lit Circle: Son of a Trickster

- **What is life like for the First People's living on a reserve?**
  - a. Lack of access to resources
    - i. Clean water?
  - b. Lack of access to public services
    - i. Doctors, schools, counselors, etc.
  - c. When comparing wages of First peoples living on and off reserve, The median for on reserve was \$29,000 where off reserve was \$37,500.
    - i. Living under poverty
  - d. Higher rate of unemployment on reserves, lower percentage of residents have post-secondary education.

<https://www.fraserinstitute.org/article/many-aboriginals-life-better-reserve>

[https://www.afn.ca/uploads/files/factsheets/quality\\_of\\_life\\_final\\_fe.pdf](https://www.afn.ca/uploads/files/factsheets/quality_of_life_final_fe.pdf)

- **Who is the Raven in First People's culture and why is the Raven important?**
  - a. The Raven is known as the "keeper of secrets," he helps them in their lives by exposing the truth of keeping secrets that could potentially harm them. (<https://spiritsofthewestcoast.com/collections/the-raven-symbol>)
  
  - a. He symbolizes creation, transformation, knowledge, prestige, complexity of nature and the subtlety of truth. (<https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/raven-symbolism>)
  
  - a. The symbolic meaning of the Raven: a creature of metamorphosis and symbolizes change/transformation. In some tribes, the Raven is considered a trickster because of its transforming/changing attributes. (<https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/raven-symbolism>)
  
  - d. Raven was the most popular crest figure
    - A guardian spirit
    - Raven appears in various versions of creation myth stories. (<https://www.atlasobscura.com/articles/ravenoraltraditionbccontest>)

