

NEW WORDS:

unusual
oily
parfleches
intestine
snorting

COYOTE'S DRY MEAT TURNS INTO LIVE DEER

Salish Coyote Stories

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Confederated Salish/Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation
GEOGRAPHICAL AREA: Plateau Region
STORY TYPE(S): Indian Values

Summary:

Coyote and Fox were very hungry. One day Coyote came home to find Fox's lips oily, indicating that Fox had found food. Upon questioning him Coyote learned where he had located the meat and decided to go to the same place. Coyote found a man preparing a sweatlodge with meat drying everywhere. The man fed Coyote. After eating, Coyote became greedy and decided to try to get all the meat. He hit the man on the head with a rock and killed him. However, the man whom he had killed was a woodtick and, as soon as he was gone, the dried meat turned back into live deer and ran away, thus leaving Coyote with nothing and more hungry than before.

This story is very similar to the story *Coyote and Tick (Coyote)*. Coyote's greed gets the best of him. Rather than show real appreciation for the meat he had been given, Coyote tried to take it all. Coyote was left in worse shape than when he had started.

Teacher Guided Activities:



1. Compare the story to *Coyote and Tick (Coyote)*. Ask students to speculate on how two tribes could have similar stories. What would account for the differences?



2. Make meat-racks from small twigs tied together. Make a diorama of the different way foods were prepared by the tribes from the three geographical regions (Plains, Plateau and Coast).

Review Sweatlodge and include one in a diorama. (See **Offering Good Thoughts Card**)



3. Use dried meat or jerky to reward good behavior or excellence in academic work. Have students try to prepare their own jerky using beef. Slice it really thin and dry it in the oven at a low temperature.

Student Activity Card(s):
See Offering Good Thoughts Card (15A-15B).