

Before you read the story

1 The title and the cover

- Look at the title and the picture on the cover.
Where do you think the boy in the picture is? Why?*
- Read the short text on the back cover. Find the places on the map on page 5.*
- Why is the boy looking out of his tent? What is he thinking or feeling at this moment? What do you think?*

2 Treasure and native tradition

- The text on the back cover of this reader tells you that the story has something to do with old treasure.
What do you think of when you read the word 'treasure'? Make a mind map.*
- Now look at the words/phrases in the box. They all have to do with Native Canadian tradition and treasure.*

potlatch

ritual

something holds you in its spell

healing powers

traditional

wooden mask

Write down the ones which are new to you. Which words look like German words that you know?

Use a dictionary to look up the words you can't guess.

- Now do this quiz about the words in Ex. 2b).*
 - It is made of wood. You wear it to hide your face.*
 - This is a special big event where Native peoples in Canada or the US meet, give presents, dance etc.*
 - Before you go to bed, you clean your teeth, say good night and write your diary – this is a kind of*
 - This word can be the opposite of 'modern'.*
 - You can't move, think or speak in this situation.*
 - If someone or something can make a sick person healthy, he, she or it has got this.*