Native spirituality

Test review

FORMAT

-10 Multiple Choice

-10 True/False

-10 Matching

-8 Short Answer (choose 5)

-2 Bonus

***TERMS TO KNOW***

AXIS MUNDI – used during the Sundance. It is considered a connection between the earth and Heaven (centre of the universe)

OKA – a town in southern Quebec where an armed stand-off occurred between the Canadian army and Native Canadians

TOAD – according to the story, THE WOMAN WHO FELL FROM THE SKY, the toad brought up earth from the bottom of the water and spread it on Turtle’s shell

BERING STRAIT – the body of water that Mongolian Nomads crossed 35,000 years ago

WRITTEN LANGUAGE – Native cultures had no written languages until Europeans first came to North America in the 1400 and 1500’s

MONGOLIA – archaeologists believe that North American natives are descendants of Mongolian nomads.

SWEAT LODGE – before going on a Vision Quest, participants enter this make shift steam room (sauna) in order to spiritually and physically purify themselves prior to the VQ.

BUFFALO HUNT – in the past, the Sundance was a way to prepare for the Buffalo Hunt as well as to thank the Sun for its life giving powers

3 SISTERS – Corn, Beans and Squash. These 3 foods made up a major portion of the diet of the North East Woodlands’ tribes.

6 NATIVE CULTURAL GROUPS OF CANADA – Arctic, Subarctic, Plateau, Northwest Pacific, Great Plains, North East Woodlands

GOLF COURSE – the crisis at Oka began over the building of a golf course

CIRCLE OF LIFE – many native cultures believe in the power of the circle

EAGLE – is an extremely important animal to Native Spiritualists. It looks out for all humans and protected us from the wrath of the Creator.

MEDICINE WHEEL – by living in harmony with one’s environment, a person helps to promote the Medicine Wheel

TOTEM POLE – several totems stacked on top of each other

TURTLE ISLAND – many Native cultures refer to North America as Turtle Island

INUIT – this word translates into English to The People

COTTONWOOD TREE – this tree is often used during the Sundance because it is commonly found on the Canadian plains.

PLATEAU NATIVES – live in the foothills of the Rockies

ELDER – helps to perform ceremonies or to coerce spirits into granting favours.

HANDSOME LAKE – created the code of Native Spirituality after being revived from death

Longhouse – religion of the Iroquois

longhouse – building where the Iroquois live

TOTEM – a protective entity of a clan or individual

ANIMISM – the creed of Native Spirituality, it is the belief that all living things have a soul

POTLATCH – a host has a feast prepared for their guests

MONOTHEISM – belief in one God

***CONCEPTS TO KNOW (Short Answer)***

1. 2 reasons why North America is referred to as Turtle Island.

\*\*you need to know which parts of NA are the parts of the

Turtle’s body\*\*

2. Origins of Native Canadians

-Natives’ view

-Archaeologists’ view

3. In detail, describe the Vision Quest

4. In detail, describe the Sun Dance

5. Handsome Lake’s 8 laws

6. Animism (define, link to environmentalism, significance)

7. Oka (what is it, where is it, what happened there, why)

8. Why is the eagle so revered in Native Spirituality?