

The Trickster

The Trickster is a central character in Native North American mythology. Different peoples have differing names for it: such as Weesageechak in Cree, Nanabush in Ojibwa, Raven on the West coast, Coyote on the plains (and other places). The character resembles a clown. Such a character exists as well in many other cultures on every continent.

On the one hand, the Trickster has a divine role having the power to create many aspects of the world. He can mediate between the human world and the divine. He also has the ability to change his physical appearance. He can look like a human being, like an animal or a plant.

The Trickster has a lot of human characteristics, and can act in a good or a bad way. His actions always teach us a lesson.

1. How do you imagine the Trickster? Find adjectives that describe the Trickster.

2. What does your Trickster look like? Draw your own Trickster.

