



The black raven theatre

AAC Tool

Target group: 6+ years old

Material needed: Role play cards: 3 Sioux, 3 raven, 4 buffaloes can be adapted depending on the number of students.

Key competence: daily life skills

GENERAL OBJECTIVES

This activity is interesting for:

- positive reinforcement
- interactive play, mime/theatre
- social skills
- speech development
- creation

HOW TO USE IT

This section is more detailed in the activity sheet.

- 1/ Read the story book (level 2) with the students
- 2/ Create a group of voluntary actors



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- 3/ Distribute the role play cards to the players
- 4/ Organise the rehearsal at least once a week or twice

THEATRE PLAY AND MIME SIOUX TALE

« How raven became black? »

This theatre play enables pupils to express themselves.

The goal is to play the story in order to develop speech language and orality.

This activity can be developed through sign language, body language and emotions to express.

CHARACTERS:

Narrator = N (x1 or more)

Sioux = S (x4 or more)

Sioux dressed as a bison (x1)

Raven chief (x1)

Raven = R (x3 or more)

Bison = B (x3 or more)



Chapter 1: Life in the North American plains

N: I'm going to tell you an Indian legend that takes place a long time ago on the plains of South Dakota in North America.

Ravens enter as flying in the sky.

N: In those days, graceful white ravens fluttered peacefully across the azure, **blue** sky.

From up there they could observe the landscape: plains and hills followed one another as far as the eye could see.

Sioux arrive and sit down in a circle, woman sew, children play, men prepare arrows

N: A tribe of Sioux also lived there in this grandiose landscape. Children ran in these immense spaces. While the women tanned the skins to make tunics.

N: For food, they hunted bison with hunting tools they had made themselves. They had no horses in those days.

Bison enter on all four and walk or graze.

N: Not far away, the wild bison were grazing quietly on the green grass. They moved from meadow to meadow to eat.



N: The white ravens were quietly flying in the sky. They watched everything from up there, so they protected their bison friends from possible attacks

Chapter 2: When the Sioux hunt bison

The Sioux arrive with bows and arrows with faces made up with hunting paint

N: One day some Sioux armed with stone-tipped sticks appeared in the valley.

Raven stop flying and watch

N: The attentive ravens spot them immediately. They suspend their flight to approach the bison.

R: "caw" "caw" (loudly towards buffaloes).

"Be careful, dear friends, the Indians are coming, they are crawling there behind the hill. Save yourself quickly! Don't waste time!"

N: When the bison heard them, they dispersed and immediately fled to escape the hungry warriors.

The Sioux hunters are furious. They do not capture any animals. They



returned to their camp empty-handed. How will they and their families survive without meat?

Chapter 3: The revenge of the Sioux

The Sioux in council

N: They decided to meet in council to develop a plan and decide on the way forward. Together, they decide to capture the biggest white raven, the chief, to teach him a lesson. Yes, but how do you attract a bird to the ground?

They discussed and developed a trick.

The Indian dressed as a bison enter the bison cattle

N: One day of hunting, a young hunter puts a bison hide on his back and cleverly sneaks through the herd.

When a horde of hunters suddenly surges in.

R: croak, "caw, caw, beware, dear friends, the Sioux are attacking. Save yourself quickly! »

N: All the bison fled precipitately. Except for one who continues to graze the grass peacefully.



RC: (scared) "caw, caw, my friend, you didn't hear me, the Sioux are attacking. Run away as quickly as possible if you don't want to die!"

N: At that moment, the false bison jumps up. He grabs the great white raven and ties its legs with a leather tie and a large stone.

The great white raven captured and tied up is brought back to the village.

The young hunter was acclaimed by his peers.

Chapter 4: What happens to the white raven

The Sioux in council

N: The Indians met again in council and sought the best punishment to inflict on him

S: "What are we going to do with that dirty bird that has starved us so many times?"

N: Suddenly, one of the furious Indians grabbed him and plunged him into the fire in the middle of the council.

Of course, the link burns immediately, freeing the large stone and the crow's feet. The bird managed to fly away.

But it was scorched and some of its feathers were charred. It was still as big as ever, but it was no longer white.

Raven chief escape and fly away

RC: 'Caw,' (he said as he flew away) 'I'll never do that again, I'll never warn bison again and all the other members of the crow nation will do as I did. I promise you that! Caw, caw'.

N: So, he managed to escape, but since then all the crows have been black.

THE END



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