

Grade 5 English Language Arts
Week of December 7 – December 11

Lesson 1: Oral Tradition – The Octopus



You will be listening to a Haida story about the octopus.

The full audio is an hour, but you do not need to listen to the full recording. Move "the dial" so that it starts at 29:30 (about halfway into the audio). The story ends at 37:05. You will need to listen to it more than once. The first time, just listen to the story. Sketch images of what you hear while you listen, if you wish.



The Octopus audio link: <https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/2335401544>

After listening to *The Octopus* once, you are ready to check out the questions.

As you listen to the story a second time, work in your Learning Guide to complete *The Octopus* responses.

Then complete **Journal #8: First Nations Stories**

The Octopus Story Elements

Directions: Answer the questions about the elements of the story. Write in full sentences. Proofread your writing after you finish.

1. What is the setting?

2. Describe the basic plot of the story

3. What is the conflict in the story?

4. What is theme of the story?

The Octopus Questions

Directions: Answer the questions below in full sentences. Remember to use evidence and examples from the text. Also proofread your writing after you finish.

1. Look up the following words and write down a definition for each of them:

a. Shaman - _____

b. Longhouse - _____

c. Plank - _____

2. What were the two children told over and over?

3. How did the children react when their grandmother called them to eat? What does this tell us about their character?

4. How did the children treat the baby octopus?

5. What did the baby octopus tell its family? How did the baby octopus feel?

6. What did the Octopus people decide to do after they found out what happened to the baby octopus?

7. What did the shaman predict was going to happen? How did the people protect themselves?

8. What did the human chief decide to do once the Octopus people lost?

9. The next time you see a crab or a creature on the beach, will the story make you treat it differently? Why or why not?
