

## **How did beliefs shape life in early societies?**

*Please read pages thirty four and thirty five to answer the following questions.*

1. Describe the “potlatch”.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Why would a potlatch be a good time to raise a totem pole?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. The host of a potlatch gave away gifts to guests. How do you think the generosity of these gifts would influence the host’s social standing?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Elaborate gift giving and feasting was a way to share riches with the rest of the community, to celebrate family ties, and to offer thanks to ancestral spirits.  
How do you think potlatches helped communities uphold their laws and maintain relationships with neighboring villages?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. List various rights that may be affirmed at a potlatch.