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Read the selection. Then answer the questions that follow.**Why the Raven Is Black**

The people of the far north tell this story about Owl and Raven, who were best friends. One day, Raven made a lovely new dress for Owl. Since Raven had been so nice, Owl then began to make a white dress for Raven. Owl worked at night by the light of a lamp that burned heavy oil. Owl tried to measure Raven for the dress, but Raven kept hopping around.

“Oh, I’m going to be so beautiful!” Raven cried as she hopped.

“Stop that hopping,” Owl warned. “You’ll knock over the lamp.”

But Raven would not stand still. Just as owl had predicted, Raven finally knocked over the lamp. The black oil spilled all over the white dress. That is why Raven is black.

Turn the page.

Answer the questions below.

1 Why did Owl begin to make a dress for Raven?

- A** because Raven had made a dress for Owl
- B** because Raven would not stand still
- C** because Raven's dress had been ruined
- D** because Raven did not like Owl's dress

2 What happened when Raven knocked over the lamp?

- F** Owl told Raven to stop hopping.
- G** Raven was excited about the new dress.
- H** Owl's dress was ruined.
- J** Black oil spilled on Raven's dress.

3 Which of the following words best describes Raven's actions?

- A** wise
- B** careless
- C** lazy
- D** honest

4 What color would Raven be if she had not knocked over the lamp? Explain your answer.

Common Core State Standards

Questions 1, 3, 4: Literature 2. Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text, including how characters in a story or drama respond to challenges or how the speaker in a poem reflects upon a topic; summarize the text. **Question 2: Literature 1.** Quote accurately from a text when explaining what the text says and when drawing inferences from the text.