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<http://users.imag.net/~sry.jkramer/nativetotems>

OR go to this site where you can listen to equally good information:

<http://www.npr.org/programs/morning/features/patc/totempoles/>

Answer the following questions:

1. Why weren't the tall totem poles made before the 1800s?

2. From what kind of tree is a totem pole usually carved? Why?

3. What purpose did totem poles serve for Pacific NW native peoples? (circle one)
 - a. They symbolized where a person stood in a big family grouping
 - b. They were worshipped as gods
 - c. Totem Poles were used to ward off evil spirits
 - d. All of the above

4. In what region of North America were totem poles carved? (circle one)
 - a. Totem poles were carved by every major tribe in North America.
 - b. Totem poles were carved by tribes on both the East Coast and West Coast.
 - c. Totem poles were carved by people who lived from the Washington Coast to Alaska.
 - d. Totem poles were carved only by tribes in what is now Eastern Washington.

5. Tell me something about the expression: "low man on the totem pole".

6. Thunderbirds are always on top of authentic totem poles. (circle one)
 - a. true
 - b. false

7. It is legal to take totem poles found in the forest. (circle one)
 - a. true
 - b. false

8. How old are the oldest existing totem poles? (circle one)
 - a. 400 years old
 - b. 150 years old
 - c. 800 years old