**Introductory Questions for Aboriginal Spirituality**

Aboriginal Peoples in Canada Today (p.68-69)

1. True or false: the number of Aboriginal people is growing at a fast rate.
2. Of the Aboriginal population in Canada, most Aboriginal people live in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ provinces.
3. What does the term “Aboriginal Peoples” refer to?

The History of Aboriginal Spirituality (p. 70-71)

1. True or false: The Aboriginal peoples of Canada have a long, rich, and varied context for their spiritual traditions.
2. The spiritual traditions are deeply connected to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ environment in which Aboriginal peoples have traditionally lived – including the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and plants of the environments – and life is seen as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. True or false: Aboriginals have not traditionally relied on memory and memory keepers.
4. Define **elders**:
5. Define **indigenous**:
6. What is the worldview that the Aboriginal peoples of Canada and the indigenous peoples share?

European Contact and Aboriginal Spiritual Traditions (p. 73)

1. Europeans came to North America as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and missionaries.
2. How did many Europeans view the Aboriginal ways?
3. What are reserves?
4. What was the purpose of the Gradual Civilization Act (1857)?
5. Define **assimilate**.
6. What was the purpose of The Indian Act (1857)?
7. What do you think Black Elk meant when he said that the Europeans had put his people in “square boxes”?
8. What began happening in 1885?

Recent History (p. 74)

1. Describe Nunavut.
2. What happened after the Canadian public became aware of the cultural, physical, emotional, and sexual abuse that occurred in residential schools?
3. In 1982, what did the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms guarantee to Aboriginals?