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Coyotes are a fascinating and enigmatic creature that has been a part of American folklore for centuries. These adaptable predators and scavengers have been found in every corner of the continent, from the deserts of the Southwest to the forests of the Northeast. They are known for their intelligence, cunning, and resilience, and have been revered and feared by humans for centuries.

Natural History

Coyotes are members of the canine family, and are closely related to wolves, jackals, and foxes. They are typically smaller than wolves, with

adults weighing between 20 and 40 pounds. Coyotes have long, bushy tails and pointed ears, and their fur is typically a mix of gray, brown, and black.

Coyotes are highly adaptable animals, and can be found in a variety of habitats, including forests, grasslands, deserts, and mountains. They are opportunistic predators and scavengers, and their diet consists of a wide variety of animals, including rodents, rabbits, deer, and even livestock. Coyotes are also known to eat fruits, vegetables, and carrion.

Coyotes are social animals, and typically live in packs of 5 to 10 individuals. Packs are led by a dominant pair, and the other members of the pack help to raise the young and defend the territory. Coyotes are territorial animals, and will defend their territory from other coyotes and predators.

Coyotes are typically nocturnal animals, but they can also be active during the day. They are known for their distinctive howling, which is used to communicate with other members of the pack and to defend their territory.

Supernatural History

Coyotes have been a part of Native American folklore for centuries. In many Native American cultures, coyotes are seen as tricksters and shapeshifters. They are often depicted as being clever and cunning, and they are sometimes associated with the supernatural.

In some Native American cultures, coyotes are seen as being the creators of the world. In the Navajo creation myth, Coyote is the one who brings the sun to the sky and creates the first humans. In other cultures, Coyote is seen as a trickster who is always getting into trouble.

Coyotes are also featured in many modern-day stories and legends. In some stories, coyotes are seen as being benevolent creatures who help humans. In other stories, coyotes are seen as being dangerous predators who should be feared.

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Whether you see coyotes as tricksters, shapeshifters, or simply as fascinating animals, there is no denying their importance in American culture. They are a part of our natural and supernatural history, and they continue to be a source of fascination and wonder for people of all ages.



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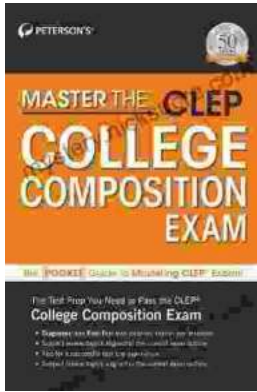
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