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Read the myth. Follow the directions.

Coyote and the Stars

Long, long ago, people made up stories, or myths to explain how some things came to be. The Hopi Indians told many myths. One was about Coyote and the stars. One night, Coyote stole a very heavy stone jar from the world's creator. The jar was so heavy he soon got tired of carrying it. He decided to leave the jar behind. He set the jar on the ground and began to walk away. However, Coyote was too curious. He went back to the jar and pulled on the top. The jar burst open. Shining pieces of fire flew out into the night sky. As they flew past Coyote, the pieces of fire burned the fur on his face. That's why Coyote's face is black and there are stars in the sky.

1. Write the name of the main character in the story.

2. Underline the sentence that tells the big idea of the story.

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