



ART KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER

Topic: Native American Art and Culture

YEAR 8
Term 1 (1b)
Native American Crafts

Native American Art and Culture:

As we have learnt in lessons, Native American arts and crafts had a purpose, for example the ceramics they made would help them carry water and store and cook food.

Ceramics

The Native American culture loved to explore art and in particular ceramics. The earliest pottery has been dated back to 7500 year history in the Americas. Native American ceramics was first developed out of a necessity to the society. They needed, plates, bowls, jugs to live a better lifestyle. Over time, it has evolved from just a means into representing their culture. Today Native American ceramics can be found all over the world.

Wood Carving

The Native American culture loved to explore art and in particular Wood carving. They created many different pieces of art from wood such as: Canoes to sail the rivers, Totem Poles and decorative art. These dated back as far as 1800. The wood they would carve from: teak, sheesham, ebony, rosewood or red cedar. Native American wood carving was first developed out of a necessity to the society they lived in. They needed canoes to sail the rivers and Totem poles to protect their land from fellow tribes. Over time, native wood carving has evolved from just a means into representing their culture.

Wood carving was a canvas for the Native Americans to express themselves through the use of animals, symbols and designs which belonged to a specific tribe or family.

TASKS TO COMPLETE:

Week 1: Practice key literacy vocab 1-6 – look, cover, write, check, correct x 3. Read the sentences again and check for understanding.

Week 2: Practice key phrases 7 -12 - look, cover, write, check, correct x3. Read the sentences again and check for understanding.

Week 3: Watch the video about the history of clay. Create a small fact-file with some interesting information you've been able to discover about the history of clay.

Week 4: Watch the video about Native American ceramics. Can you draw some of the examples of the designs and what they represent? For example, the wave pattern represents water.

Week 5: Create your own design using geometric, native American inspired patterns for a ceramic pot. Use the templates below to draw out bigger into your home learning book.

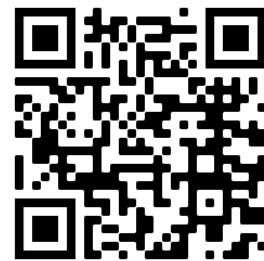
Week 6: Watch the video of the artist creating a 'dug out' canoe from a tree. Whilst watching the video, make notes on the different steps and important things the artist has to consider when making the canoe.

Week 7: Look at the examples of the more modern wood carvings, inspired by native American people. Can you try and complete a drawing of one of these images?

Key Literacy Vocabulary:

1. Tribal – a characteristic of a tribe or tribes.
2. Tradition – a long-established belief or way of doing something that has been passed on from generation to generation.
3. Symbolic – significant by what is being represented.
4. Geometric Patterns – patterns containing shapes, objects or pictures that repeat themselves.
5. Wood Carvings – the action of carving wood to make functional objects or art.
6. Totem Poles – a pole carved and painted with a series of symbols often representing family history.
7. Tee-Pees – a portable tent made of skins, cloth, or canvas on a frame of poles, usually in a cone shape.
8. Ceramics – pots and other items made from clay hardened by heat.
9. Textiles - a type of cloth or woven fabric.
10. Headdress – an ornamental covering or band for the head, especially one worn on ceremonial occasions.
11. Indigenous – originating or occurring naturally in a particular place, native.
12. Earth colours – colours of the earth, for example, brown, brownish-reds, reds.

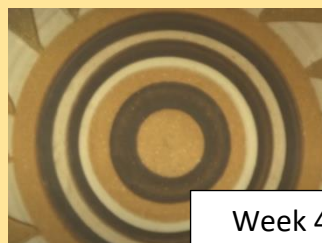
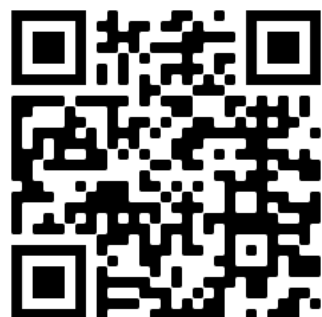
Week 3 – scan this QR code to watch the video about clay history, then make a short fact-file



Week 5 – use the images and templates to help inspire you to create a design for a ceramic pot using native American inspired patterns.



Week 6 – Watch the video by scanning the QR code about how the artist has created their own 'dug out' canoe.



Week 4 – scan this QR code to see a video about native American ceramics.



Week 7 – Watch the video and create a drawing of one of the wood-carved characters made by the artist.