

THE 7 GRANDFATHER TEACHINGS



Name: Sequoyia

RESPECT is treating yourself, the Earth, and others kindly.

Draw and write about a time when you showed respect.



I showed respect when I listened to my friends and waited my turn to speak. In class, when someone else is talking, I stay quiet and listen to what they have to say. I also show respect by taking care of my school and not leaving trash around.



Name: Jacaranda

THE SEVEN GRANDFATHER TEACHINGS WORD SEARCH

Directions: Find and circle the vocabulary words.



sabe respect turtle beaver courage
humility buffalo honesty truth wolf
eagle wisdom love bear

Name: Wanetta

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creature: wolf teaching: humility



creature: beaver teaching: wisdom



creature: bear teaching: courage



creature: turtle teaching: truth



creature: buffalo teaching: respect



creature: eagle teaching: love



creature: sage teaching: honesty



BEAR: COURAGE



In the teachings of many Native peoples, the bear is a symbol of great courage. The bear's courage is not just about strength but also about protecting its family and facing challenges with bravery. True courage comes from within, allowing us to stand up for what is right, even when we are afraid. Just as the bear defends its cubs, we must defend our values and face the unknown with a strong heart.

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BEAVER: WISDOM



The beaver is honored for its wisdom in many Native traditions. Beavers carefully build their homes, showing that wisdom is about planning, patience, and learning from the world around us. Wisdom is passed down from our Elders and ancestors, teaching us to make thoughtful choices that respect the balance of nature. Like the beaver, we must use our knowledge to create harmony and care for our communities.

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EAGLE: LOVE



The eagle is a symbol of love because it flies high and sees everything below with clarity. In Native cultures, the eagle's ability to soar close to the Creator represents a love that is pure and far-reaching. Love means caring for others, sharing what we have, and helping those in need. It is the greatest gift we can give, as it connects us to each other and to the world around us. The eagle teaches us to love freely and with an open heart.

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TURTLE: TRUTH



In many Native stories, the turtle carries the weight of the world on its back, symbolizing truth. The turtle moves slowly but steadily, teaching us that truth is timeless and must be respected. Truth means living with integrity, being honest with ourselves and others, and following the path set by our ancestors. The turtle shows us that truth is not always easy to find, but when we live by it, we walk in balance with the world around us.

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WOLF: HUMILITY



The wolf teaches us humility through its connection to the pack. The wolf knows that it is not greater than the pack, and it relies on others for survival. Humility means recognizing that we are all connected and that no one is above another. It is about being grateful for the help of others and knowing that we are part of something larger than ourselves. Like the wolf, we must work together and respect the gifts of all beings.

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Reading
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COURAGE is the ability to do something even when it is hard or scary.

Draw and write about a time when you showed courage.

I showed courage when _____

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LOVE is showing kindness and compassion to yourself and others.

Draw and write about a time when you showed love.

I showed love when _____

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HONESTY is telling the truth even when it is hard to do.

Draw and write about a time when you were honest.

I was honest when _____

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HUMILITY is knowing that everyone is equal and important.

Draw and write about a time when you showed humility.

I showed humility when _____

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Writing prompts

The Seven Grandfather Teachings



By: _____

THE SEVEN GRANDFATHER TEACHINGS



sabe



bear

teaches us courage



truth

is being honest with yourself and others



coloring
or posters

THE SEVEN GRANDFATHER TEACHINGS

The Seven Grandfather Teachings come from the Anishinaabe (Ojibwe) people, but have been adapted and used by many Indigenous cultures. These teachings help us learn how to live a good and kind life.

Each teaching is a special lesson that helps us be better to ourselves, others, and the world around us. These principles teach us how to live in harmony with others, become better friends, neighbors, family members, and community members.

beaver: *courage (Aakwaade'ewin)* – the ability to do something even when it is hard or scary

Example: standing up for a friend if they are being treated unfairly

beaver: *wisdom (Mwaaakaawin)* – knowing what is right and using what you've learned to make good choices and help others

Example: listening to your teachers and sharing what you learn with others

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buffalo: *respect (Mhaadendimowin)* – treating yourself and others kindly, including nature and animals

Example: taking care of nature by picking up trash

eagle: *love (Aagidiwin)* – caring deeply for yourself and others

Examples: helping your family, giving hugs, or saying kind words to your friends

sage: *honesty (Gwekwaadziwin)* – telling the truth, even when it is hard, staying true to yourself

Example: telling the truth when you make a mistake, even when it is uncomfortable

turtle: *truth (Debwewin)* – being honest with yourself and others

Example: if you accidentally spill something, telling an adult what really happened instead of blaming someone or something else for the mistake

wolf: *humility (Dbaadendziwin)* – knowing that everyone is equal and important, no one is better than anyone else

Example: not bragging when you win a game

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THE SEVEN GRANDFATHER TEACHINGS

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LOVE

We love and care for each other with kindness and compassion.



RESPECT



We respect everyone, everything, and ourselves.

COURAGE



We are brave in order to defend and support each other.

HONESTY



We take responsibility for our words and actions.

HUMILITY



We see everyone as equal and important.

WISDOM



We reflect on our knowledge and share with others.

TRUTH



We know and understand all of the seven teachings.

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Teaching materials & activities

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humility	buffalo	honesty	truth
eagle	wisdom	love	bear
wolf			



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F	M	F	R	B	R	B	E	A	R
H	I	F	L	E	E	T	G	V	E
O	L	A	G	R	S	A	L	T	W
N	I	L	O	V	E	P	V	E	H
E	T	O	H	V	R	S	E	E	A
S	Y	W	O	L	F	Q	A	C	R
T	C	O	U	R	A	G	E	B	T
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First, I chose the thunderbird

Next, I chose the bear

Then, I chose the beaver

I also chose the fox

Finally, I chose the owl

adobe

Adobe houses are multi-houses made of clay straw, baked into brick.

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Teepees were special homes that

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