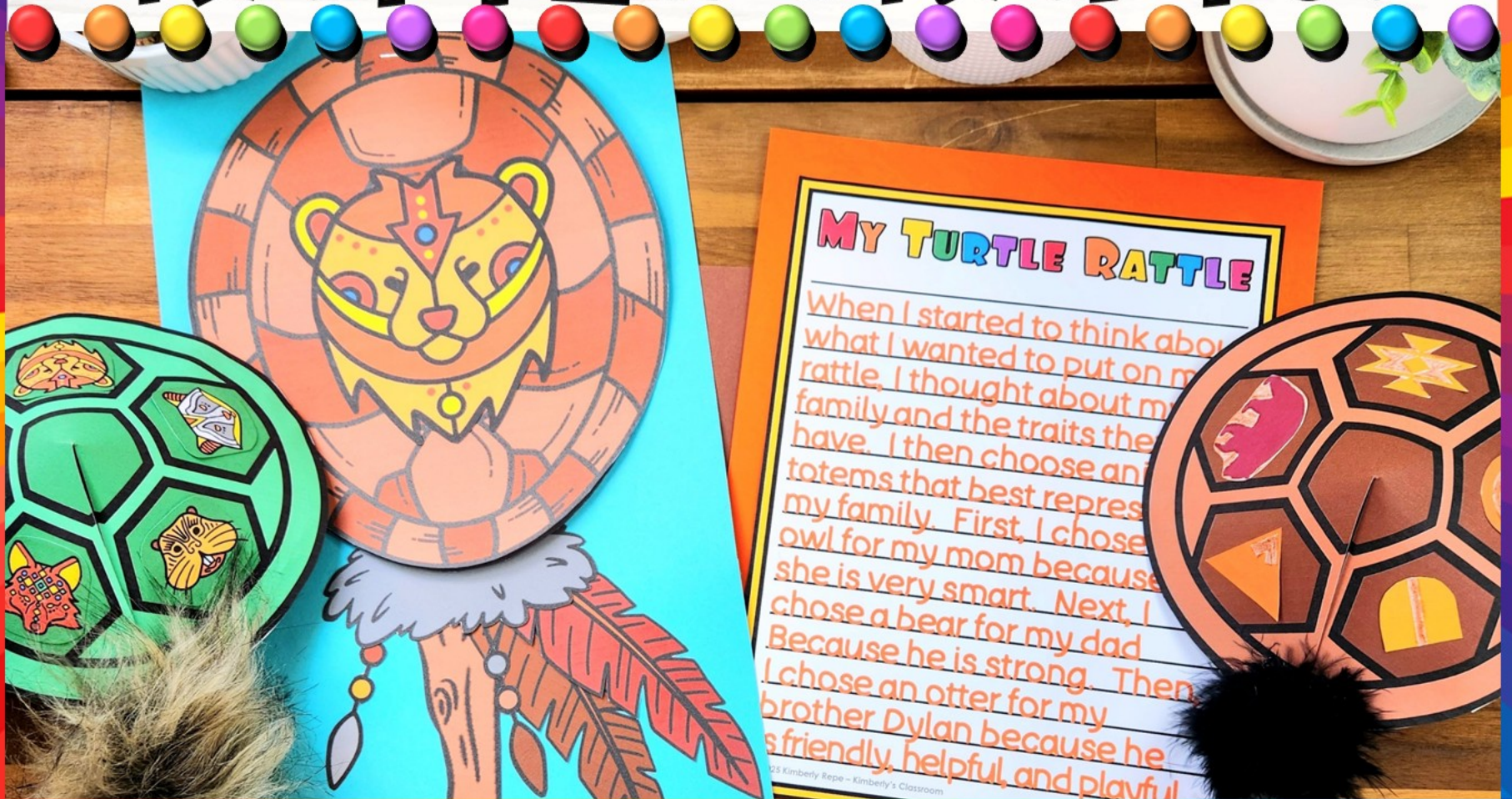


NATIVE AMERICAN RATTLE CRAFTS!



TURTLE SHELL RATTLES IN NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURES

What Is a Turtle Shell Rattle?

A turtle shell rattle is a special musical instrument made from the shell of a turtle. It is used by many Native American tribes during dances, songs, and ceremonies. When the rattle is shaken, it makes a soft, rhythmic sound. The sound is believed to connect people to nature and the spirit world.



Kanyáshé' Ká'náwa: Snapping turtle rattle or Kacháshé' (Ga-Mo-Wa Gáshé) Native American (Pawnee) The Crazy Brown Collection of Musical Instruments, 1891

History and Cultural Use

Turtle shell rattles have been used by Native American peoples for hundreds of years. Different tribes, especially in the Woodlands and Southeastern United States, used them in ceremonies.

The Iroquois (Haudenosaunee) used turtle shell rattles in ceremonies and are often shaken by medicine people (healers).

In the Southeastern tribes such as the Creek and Seminole, women wear turtle shells on their legs during stomps. The sound of the rattles adds to the dance and is a sign of connection to the Earth.



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badger: being brave and yourself

bear: being strong and

beaver: not giving up and being kept safe

deer: caring about others, calm, and moving in a

fox: being smart, able to solve problems

frog: making something out of nothing, able to change or

moose: living for a purpose, making good choices, not giving up

otter: having fun, helping others

VOCABULARY DEFINITIONS

Loyalty: Always standing by your friends

Peace: A quiet and calm feeling without fighting

Perseverance: Trying again and when it's tough

Playfulness: Liking to play and when it's tough

Power: Having strength or control

Preparedness: Being ready for something to happen

Protection: Keeping something safe

Resourcefulness: Finding smart ways to solve problems

Sensitivity: Being gentle with noticing little things

NATIVE AMERICAN PICTOGRAPHS

Badger Tracks: Summer

Bear: Strength

Bear Paw: Good Omen

Buffalo Eye: Alertness

Big Mountain: Abundance

Bird: Carefree

Brothers: Loyalty

Buffalo Horns: Success

Butterfly: Renewal

Cactus: Desert

Coyote Tracks: Trickster

Deer Tracks: Safety

Drying Rack: Plenty of Meat

Eagle: Freedom

3D TURTLE RATTLE CRAFT DIRECTIONS

Description:

This differentiated craft is inspired by traditional Native American turtle shell rattles.

Materials:

- turtle shell templates (included)
- animal totems and pictograph craft pieces (included), (optional)
- handle materials: branches, wooden dowels, or jumbo popsicle sticks
- rattle filling: corn kernels, dried beans, uncooked rice, or beads
- decorative items: feathers, faux fur ribbon, beads, hemp cord, faux suede string etc. (optional)
- crayons, markers, colored pencils, or paint (point brushes)
- safety scissors
- construction paper (optional)
- hot glue guns (teacher use only), glue sticks, tape, or staples
- brainstorming sheets (included), (optional)
- writing projects (included), (optional)
- extension worksheets (included), (optional)

the outer edge of the bottom shell. Repeat this all the way around the shell.



the bottom shell inside the top shell. Use glue or staple around the outer rim, a gap at the base, where the rattle will be inserted. (Using a hot glue gun to work the best at sealing the shell. Please only use a hot glue gun if completing this step for your students. Do not allow students to use a hot glue gun, as it can be very dangerous.)



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Pictograph Symbols (Color): Page 1



Teaching materials, symbol guides, and craft directions included!



Students can choose to decorate their turtle shell with animal totems, pictographs, or by drawing!



Writing ideas, organizers, & differentiated projects!

Name: _____



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- 1) Turtle shell rattles are instruments.
- 2) Turtle shell rattles have been used in Native American ceremonies.
- 3) Turtle shell rattles are often used as cooking tools.
- 4) In some Native American cultures, turtles are a symbol of wisdom.
- 5) Using a turtle shell rattle shows jealousy for others.

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☐ musical instruments
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☐ healing
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☐ dishonesty
☐ laziness

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TURTLE RATTLE VOCABULARY

Directions: Choose the best definition for each vocabulary word.

- 1) rattle
☐ a special instrument when you shake it
☐ a group of people
- 2) ceremony
☐ art made by shaping a special event with dancing, or prayers
☐ a special event with prayers
- 3) wisdom
☐ understanding a lot about something
☐ a big chunk of ice
- 4) nature
☐ everything outside
☐ a box where you put things
- 5) native
☐ belonging to a place
☐ a place where people live
- 6) culture
☐ a small object that tells the way a group of people live
☐ a small object that tells the way a group of people live
- 7) respect
☐ being kind and showing respect to people and things
☐ a small light you carry in the dark

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TURTLE RATTLE VOCABULARY

Directions: Choose the best definition for each vocabulary word.

- 1) rattle
☐ a musical instrument made of wood or metal
☐ tall, wooden artwork
- 2) ceremony
☐ art made by shaping a special event with dancing, or prayers
☐ a special event with prayers
- 3) native
☐ belonging to a place
☐ a place where people live
- 4) culture
☐ a box where you see letters
☐ the way a group of people live
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TURTLE RATTLE VOCABULARY

Directions: Choose the best definition for each vocabulary word.

- 1) native
☐ being part of a place from the start
☐ art that tells stories
- 2) culture
☐ a box where you get letters
☐ the way a group of people live
- 3) respect
☐ showing care for people and things
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TURTLE RATTLE SENTENCES

Directions: Look at the sentences below. Rewrite each sentence correctly. Begin each sentence with a capital letter and add punctuation.

turtle shell rattles are instruments used in Native American dances, songs, and ceremonies. The turtle is a special animal that stands for wisdom, healing, and long life. Using a turtle shell rattle shows respect for the turtle and nature.

- ☐ I used capital letters.
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- 1) what is a turtle shell rattle
- 2) a turtle stands for healing
- 3) can you see the beautiful rattle

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☐ I used punctuation.



Differentiated worksheets to build confidence!

2D WRITING CRAFT



beaver



fox

large

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Native American
Markings L2



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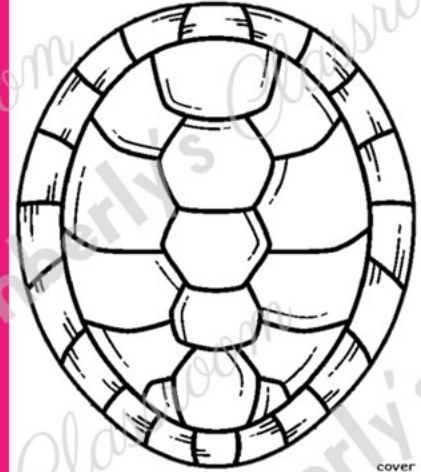
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feathers



fur



stringed
beads

decorations

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PERSONAL NARRATIVE BRAINSTORM

Title:

Where were you?

Who was there?

When did it happen?

What happened?

How did you feel?

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Name: **ANSWER KEY** Native American Heritage L1



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1) What are turtle shell rattles?

- ☐ writing tools ☐ garden tools
☒ musical instruments ☐ cooking tools

2) What does a turtle stand for?

- ☐ wisdom ☐ long life
☐ healing ☒ all of these

3) What does using a turtle shell rattle show?

- ☐ dishonesty ☐ jealousy
☐ laziness ☒ respect

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Name: **ANSWER KEY** Native American Heritage L2

TURTLE RATTLE SENTENCES

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turtle shell rattles are instruments used in native american dances, songs, and ceremonies the turtle is a special animal that stands for wisdom, healing, and long life

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- ☒ I used capital letters.
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☒ I used punctuation.



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Name: **ANSWER KEY** Native American Heritage L3

TURTLE RATTLE VOCABULARY

Directions: Choose the best definition for each vocabulary word.

- | | |
|-------------|--|
| 1) rattle | ☒ a special instrument that makes sound when you shake it
☐ a group of people who work together |
| 2) ceremony | ☐ art made by shaping or carving
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☐ a box where you send or receive letters |
| 5) native | ☒ belonging to a place from the beginning
☐ a place where people fix cars |
| 6) culture | ☐ a small object that makes a loud sound
☒ the way a group of people live, with their own music, food, and stories |
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NATIVE AMERICAN EDUCATION INDIGENOUS ANIMAL BUNDLE!



Name: Wanetia

The Seven Goodness

sage	respect	tu
humility	buffalo	honesty
eagle	wisdom	love

creature: wolf te

creature: beaver tea

creature: bear teach

creature: turtle teach

creature: buffalo teach

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