

Good evening commissioners,

I would like to provide you with a narrative as to how the mural came to exist. The neighborhood surrounding Tony Cerda Park is rich in community; however, our park has had many challenges. Families from the community have worked together with Commissioners, City Council, and local organizations to beautify the park. This project came out of a conversation to activate the stage area to be used for ongoing community events, gatherings, and most recently, the Spoken Palabra poetry nights. This temporary art project was put up to honor the diversity of those who call Pomona home. Pomona has many indigenous people from Northern and Southern California, Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada, Mexico, and more. The use of positive indigenous symbols from a variety of tribes, beginnings, and cultures speaks to the beauty and unique diversity of this specific neighborhood in Pomona. We were honored to have a number of children and community join in by helping with painting and also symbolically placing their hand on the walls, adding their unique handprints to this temporary art piece.

This is the website we used for our reference on the symbols used on the mural. It provides a comprehensive illustrated guide to Native Indian Tribes of America with pictures and videos. It containing facts and information about United States Indian Tribes, Famous Native Americans, Houses, Food, Weapons, Symbols, Designs, Stories, Groups, Culture and Native American Indian names.

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Summary on the symbols:

Bear

The bear is such a highly regarded animal within Native culture, the bear claw often represents protection and a connection to the animal. It is often worn by those who seek leadership

Cactus

True to its nature, the cactus symbol primarily represents protection and endurance. The symbol of the cactus is believed to help with enduring tough situations.

Eagle

The eagle is a powerful symbol that represents victory, conquest, and personal power. The eagle symbol is believed to help with one's drive for victory.

Moon

In Native American beliefs, the moon is a protector. The symbol of the moon means many things depending on the season, the harvest, and when in combination with other symbols, but its overall meaning is that of serenity and protection.

Snake

The snake is a positive symbol that represents healing (due to shedding of the skin), re-birth, and is a physical sign of good luck.

Sun

A widely-seen symbol, the Sun image often means "Earth's Guardian" or something similar. It represents healing, energy, and in some cultures is considered to be the giver of life.

Turtle

The turtle represents Earth and a long and healthy life. Because of the turtle's natural long life, it is no surprise that the image of the animal is widely used by those who value health and longevity.

Water Wave Pattern

This pattern is generally seen on pottery, sterling silver jewelry, and in Native American wood work. It is representative of water cycles, life, and renewal. It is often accompanied with other symbolism.

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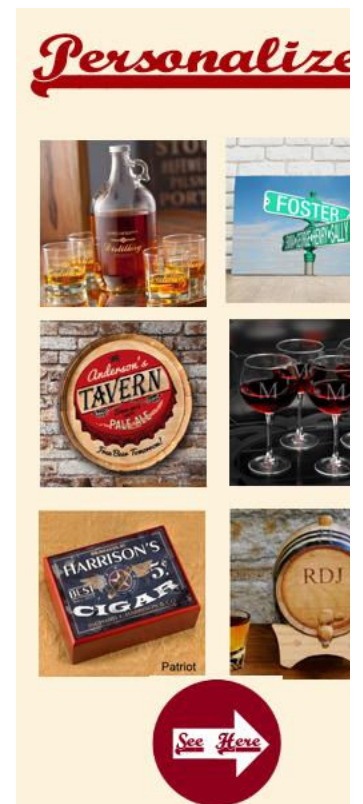
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Arrowhead		Alertness
Badger Track		Summer
Bear		Strength
Bear Paw		Good Omen
Big Mountain		Great abundance
Bird		Free of worry, Carefree
Broken Arrow		Peace
Broken Cross Circle		Four Seasons, That Which Revolves



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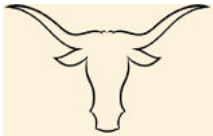
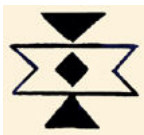
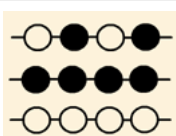
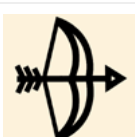
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Buffalo Skull		Sacredness, Reverence for Life
Butterfly		Everlasting life
Cactus		Sign of desert
Coyote & Coyote Tracks		Trickster
Crossed Arrows		Friendship
Days-Nights		Time Passing
Deer Track		Game plentiful
Drawn Bow & Arrow		Hunting
Drying Rack		Plenty of Meat

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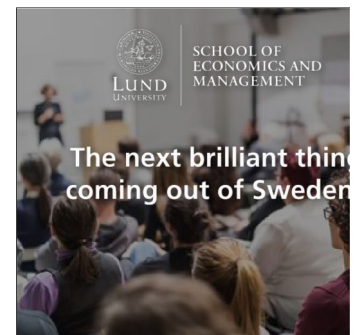
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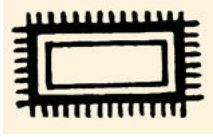
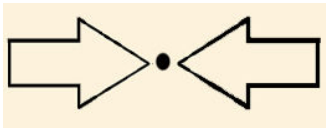
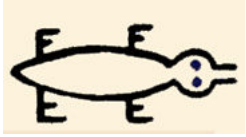
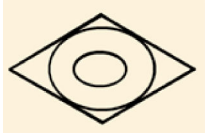
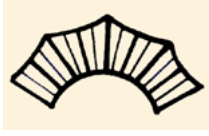


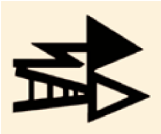
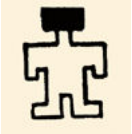
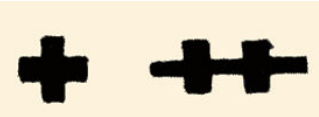
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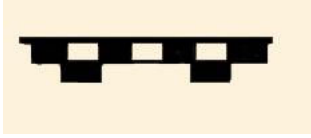
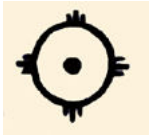
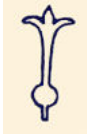
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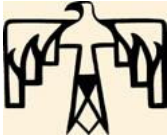
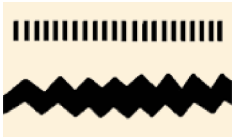


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Eagle Feather		Chief
Enclosure		Ceremonial Dances
End of Trail		Peace, End of War
Evil Eye		This symbol protects from the curse of the Evil Eye.
Facing Arrows		Warding off evil spirits
Four Ages		Infancy, Youth, Middle, Old Age
Gecko		Sign of Desert
Gila Monster		Dream Time
Great Spirit		The Great Spirit is a conception of universal spiritual force, or supreme being prevalent among most Native American tribes.
Head Dress		Ceremonial

Hogan		Permanent Home
Horse		Journey
Kokopelli		Flute Player, Fertility
Lightening		Power, Speed
Lightning Arrow		Swiftness
Man		Life
Medicine Man's Eye		Wisdom
Morning Stars		Guidance
Mountain Range		Destination
Path		Crossed
Peace Pipe		Ceremonial, sacred

		
Rain Clouds		Good Prospect
Rattle Snake Jaws		Strength
Saddle Bag		Journey
Skyband		Leading to Happiness
Snake		Defiance
Squash Blossom		Fertility
Sun		Happiness
Sun Flower		Fertility
Sun God Mask		The Sun God is a powerful spirit among a number of Native American tribes.
Sunrays		Constant
Swastika		Four corners of the world, Well-Being

Tipi		Temporary house
Thunderbird		Unlimited Happiness, Caller of Rain
Thunderbird Track		Bright Prospect
Water Running		Constant Life
Wolf Paw		Freedom, Success
Zuni Bear		Good Health

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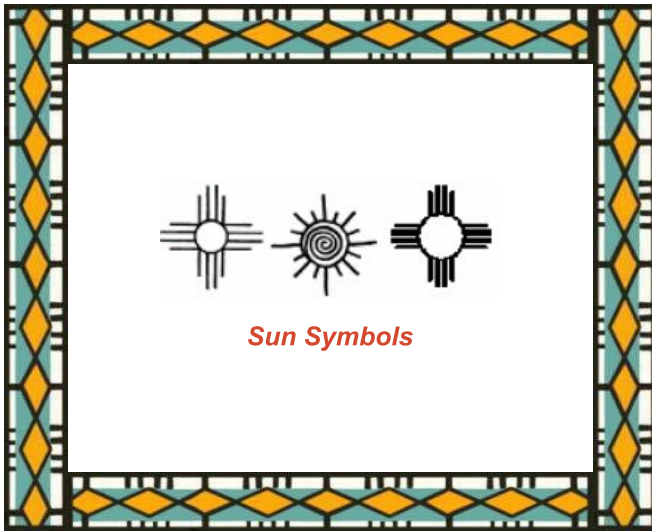
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Sun Symbol



Native American Symbols, like the Sun symbol, can vary in meaning from one tribe to another and across the culture groups of North America.

Discover facts and information about the meanings of secret and mysterious symbols used by Native American Indians in our [List of Symbols](#) including the Sun symbol.

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Meaning of the Sun Symbol

Native American Indians were a deeply spiritual people and they communicated their history, thoughts, ideas and dreams from generation to generation through [Symbols and Signs](#) such as the Sun symbol. Native American symbols are geometric portrayals of celestial bodies, natural phenomena and animal designs. For additional information on this subject refer to [Star Chart & Astrology](#). The Sun symbol was of great importance to all of the Native American Indian tribes. The sun symbol is depicted in a variety of ways, three of the symbols are shown on the image. The sun was revered by the Indians as the provider of light, heat, the facilitator of crops and represented growth. The rays of the sun signified the cardinal directions, North, South, East and West. The Sun Dance was a ceremonial dance performed by North American Plains Indians in honor of the sun at the summer solstice.



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The Sun Dance painted by George Catlin

The Sun Symbol - Mythology

Abenaki Sun Myth: The Abenaki solar deity 'Kisosen' meaning "Sun-Bringer" was symbolised as an eagle whose wings opened to create the day and whose wings closed to create the night. In Lakota Sioux mythology, a sun deity called Wi is one of the most supreme gods and is associated with the American Bison.

The Sun Symbol - Meaning

There were so many tribes of Native American Indians it is only possible to generalise the most common meaning of the Sun symbol or pattern. Native Indian symbols are still used as Tattoos and were used for a variety of reasons and depicted on numerous objects such as tepees, totem poles, musical instruments and clothes. Indian Tribes also used their own [Colors for Symbols](#) and designs depending on the natural resources available to make [Native American Paint](#). Use symbols as ideas and designs for [American Indian Tattoos](#).

Native American Indians - Sun Symbol

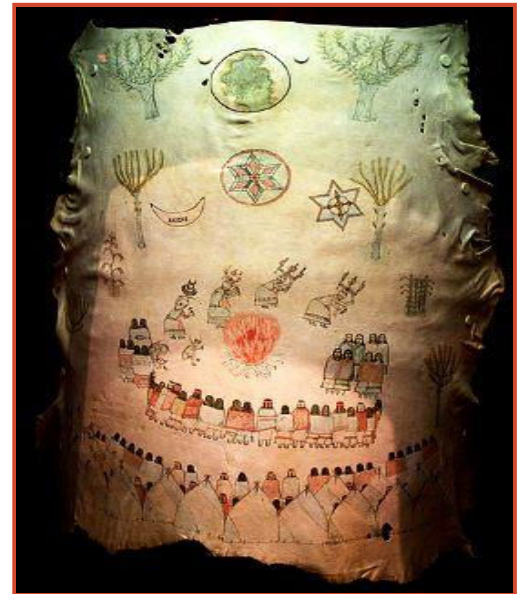
Native American Indians had a highly complex culture, especially those who lived on the Great Plains.

Their religion was dominated by rituals and belief in a spiritual connection with nature and these beliefs were reflected in the various symbols they used such as the Sun symbol.

The clothes, tepees and all of his belongings was decorated with art and included symbols depicting his achievements, acts of heroism, his various spirit guides or the most important events in his life. Every symbol used by an American Native Indian had meaning which can be accessed from [Symbols and Meanings](#).



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Power Animals



Pawnee Shaman

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Power Animals

Definition of Power Animals: What are Power Animals? Power Animals are strongly associated with the Native American Indian belief in [Animism](#) that is a belief based on the spiritual idea that the universe, and all natural objects within the universe, have souls or spirits. Power Animals are believed to be a supernatural power that embodies, attaches or conveys influence empowering a person with the powerful traits and characteristics of the animal. The doctrine of this belief is that everything is alive, and possesses an inherent virtue, power and wisdom. Power animals represent a person's connection to all life, their qualities of character, and their power. Power Animals are regarded as guides who appear in dreams or [Vision Quests](#) in the form of an animal. Power Animals, or spirit guides, walk through different stages of life with a person, teaching and guiding them, and in some instances protecting them.

Power Animals - Tutelary Spirits

Power Animals are sometimes referred to as tutelary spirits (or tutelary spirits) meaning a deity or spirit who is a guardian, patron or protector of a particular culture, place, person, lineage or nation. Over your lifetime you may unknowingly or knowingly have the help of several different Power Animals. Power Animals can come and go unexpectedly, especially after a few years. According to the beliefs of [Shamanism](#) all people have power animals, or tutelary spirits, that empower and protect them from harm, like guardian spirits or angels.

Tribal Power Animals

Each Native American tribe has a group of Power Animals that are most prevalent among its people refer to [Tribe Totems](#). The Power Animals of a tribe usually live in the area inhabited by the tribe and have great medicine power. These tribal Power Animals are important in the life of the tribe, as guides to sources of food and other essential items or as guides to the changing seasons.



Power Animals - Spiritual Energy

Power Animals are the spiritual energy of the animal on earth. Power Animals are greater than the actual animals because they embody the spirit and essence of the animal. For instance with a bear power animal, it is the voice of all the bears that have ever lived. It is the Medicine Bear. It is the bear that can see itself and speak. The spirit of Power Animals also lends you the wisdom of its kind. An owl spirit will give you owl wisdom, and lend you some of the attributes of owl. Power Animals will often appear to the [Medicine Man](#), or [Shaman](#), as a vision during a Vision Quest and these Power Animals are adopted as a guardian spirit and teacher. Power Animals form part of the belief in [Shamanism](#) but also appear in the dreams of individuals.

Identifying Power Animals - Vision Quests

Power Animals often reveal themselves to us through our subconscious during sleep but are most strongly associated and identified through Vision Quests which are accompanied by a [Smudging Ritual](#). Power animals are identified in dreams and vision quests if a particular animal is seen four times during a [Vision Quest](#). A person can possess up to two of the more powerful animal Guardian Spirits or Power Animals, but many of the less powerful plant Spirit Helpers. Power Animals that appears in Vision quests and dreams all have various meanings.

Power Animals Meanings and Significance

Each of the Power Animals has special meanings, characteristics and significance. [Shamans](#) believe visions and dreams come from the Power Animals, and they interpret signs and dreams. The following information provides details of the meanings of the different Power Animals and an interpretation of dreams that feature the Power Animal.



Armadillo Power Animal

Armadillo Power Animals Meaning: Methodical, accurate, slow and steady

Dream Interpretation: Dreaming of an armadillo may signify that you are isolating yourself and making it difficult for others to reach you. It might also mean that you need to be a little more aggressive and independent.

Badger Power Animal

Badger Power Animals Meaning: Bold, out-going, good communicator

Dream Interpretation: Dreaming of a badger means your persistence and final victory over your opponents. The dream might also be a pun on badgering and aggravating others.

Bat Power Animal

Bat Power Animals Meaning: Death and Rebirth

Dream Interpretation: Dreaming of a bat symbolizes the annoyances in your life. Bats also represents your need to let go of old habits for your current way of life no longer suits your new growth and outlook.

Beaver Power Animal

Beaver Power Animals Meaning: Creative and Artistic ability, builder resourcefulness, and determination

Dream Interpretation: Dreaming of a beaver building a dam, symbolizes ambition and that hard work is necessary to achieve your own goals. It is time to put your ideas into action and settle any differences with fellow co-workers and friends.

Bear Power Animal

Bear Power Animals Meaning: Strength, Solitude, Motherhood, Teaching

Dream Interpretation: Dreaming that you are being pursued or attacked by a bear indicates aggression, overwhelming obstacles and competition. You may find yourself in a threatening situation. Alternatively, bears symbolize the cycle of life and death and renewal. It may signal of period of introspection and thinking.

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Butterfly Power Animal

Butterfly Power Animals Meaning: The Butterfly represents transformation and the ability to accept change

Dream Interpretation: Dreaming of a butterfly indicates your need to settle down. Butterflies also means creativity, romance, joy and spirituality. You may be undergoing a transformation into a new way of thinking.

Coyote Power Animal

Coyote Power Animals Meaning: The Coyote helps you recognize your own mistakes, Stealth, Clowning and Humor

Dream Interpretation: Dreaming of a coyote means deception and weakness.

Crow Power Animal

Coyote Power Animals Meaning: The Crow helps you to find balance living in present, release past beliefs. Represents Skill and Cunning.

Dream Interpretation: Dreaming of a crow represents your annoying habits and the darker part of your character. The crow may serve as a messenger from your sub-conscious.

Deer Power Animal

Deer Power Animals Meaning: The Deer represents Healing, Gentleness, kindness & compassion

Dream Interpretation: Dreaming of a deer symbolizes grace, gentleness, and natural beauty. It has feminine qualities and may point to the feminine aspect within yourself.

Dog Power Animal

Dog Power Animals Meaning: Guidance, Loyalty and trust

Dream Interpretation: Dreaming of a dog indicates a skill that you have ignored or forgotten, but needs to be activated. Your own values and intentions will enable you to go forward in the world and succeed. If the dog is vicious and/or growling, then it means some inner conflict within yourself.

Dolphin Power Animal

Dolphin Power Animals Meaning: Compassion, caring, community and generosity

Dream Interpretation: Dreaming of a dolphin symbolizes spiritual guidance, your intellect, mental attributes and emotional trust. Utilize your mind to its capacity and you will move upward in life.

Eagle Power Animal

Eagle Power Animals Meaning: The Eagle symbolizes great Strength, courage Leadership and Prestige

Dream Interpretation: Dreaming of an eagle symbolizes nobility, pride, fierceness, freedom, superiority, courage, and powerful intellectual ability. Eagles also indicate self-renewal. You will struggle fiercely and courageously to realize your highest ambitions and greatest desires.

Elk Power Animal

Elk Power Animals Meaning: The Elk symbolizes Bravery, agility and independence

Dream Interpretation: Dreaming of an elk symbolizes strength and endurance. It is an indication that you need to spend more time with friends and eat more healthily.

Falcon Power Animal

Falcon Power Animals Meaning: The Falcon - Soul Healing, Speed and Movement

Dream Interpretation: Dreaming of a falcon foretells that your success will make you an object of jealousy. Dreaming of that you are hunting a falcon, forewarns that you are in danger of ruining your business reputation by being too aggressive and bringing harm to others.

Fox Power Animal

Fox Power Animals Meaning: The Fox bestows the power of anticipation, observation and stealth

Dream Interpretation: Dreaming of a fox represents cleverness and resourcefulness. You need to use your insight and intellect to solve some problem. Perhaps you need to conceal your thoughts and/or remain silent. Alternatively, it indicates a period of isolation or loneliness.

Frog Power Animal

Frog Power Animals Meaning: The Frog symbolizes Spring & New Life, Sensitivity, Communicator, Stability

Dream Interpretation: Dreaming of a frog represents a potential to change or to do the unexpected. Seeing frogs leaping may indicate your lack of commitment. You have the tendency to jump from one thing to another. Alternatively, it may suggest that you are taking major steps toward some goal.

Hawk Power Animal

Hawk Power Animals Meaning: The Hawk is a Messenger and symbolizes Guardianship, Strength, Far Sighted

Dream Interpretation: Dreaming of a hawk in your dream indicates suspicions are lurking around you and your activities. You need to proceed with caution.

Horse Power Animal

Horse Power Animals Meaning: The Horse represents Energy, Power, Message carrier, communicates with other realms

Dream Interpretation: Dreaming of a herd of wild horses means a sense of freedom and lack of responsibilities. It might also indicate your uncontrolled emotions. Dreaming of that you are riding a horse indicates that you will achieve success through underhanded means.

Hummingbird Power Animal

Hummingbird Power Animals Meaning: The Hummingbird symbolizes Love, Beauty, Intelligence. It is a Spirit Messenger and Stopper of Time

Dream Interpretation: Dreaming of a hummingbird suggests that small ideas or concepts may possess much potential and power. Alternatively, it indicates your flighty thoughts and frivolous ideas. It may be a metaphor for your inability to commit to a relationship.

Lizard Power Animal

Lizard Power Animals Meaning: The Lizard symbolizes Awareness, Conservation, subconscious hopes and fears

Dream Interpretation: Dreaming of a lizard can be representative of a person who you view as cold-blooded, fearful, or thick-skinned. On a more positive note, the lizard also symbolizes emerging creativity, renewal, and revitalization. It might also suggest that you are well-grounded.

Moose Power Animal

Moose Power Animals Meaning: The Moose symbolizes the Headstrong, Balance and is the Bringer of Long Life.

Dream Interpretation: Dreaming of a moose represents long life and longevity. It may refer to the elders around you. Alternatively, a moose might also indicate that you can be both powerful and gentle.

Mouse Power Animal

Mouse Power Animals Meaning: The Mouse possesses Observant qualities and diligence

Dream Interpretation: Dreaming of a mouse indicates fear, meekness, and a lack of assertiveness. You possess feelings of inadequacy and not measuring up. Alternatively, it may symbolize minor irritations and annoyances.

Otter Power Animal

Otter Power Animals Meaning: The Otter represents Feminine Power, Trust, Inquisitive, Bright, Loyal and speedy

Dream Interpretation: Dreaming of an otter symbolizes happiness and good fortune. You will find ideal enjoyment or unusual tenderness with your loved one.

Owl Power Animal

Owl Power Animals Meaning: The Owl symbolizes Wisdom, silent & swift, ability to see things normally, creature of the night

Dream Interpretation: Dreaming of an owl symbolizes wisdom, insight and virtue. The owl is also synonymous with death and darkness. Death in this sense might also represent a symbolic death, as in an important transition in life.

Rabbit Power Animal

Rabbit Power Animals Meaning: The rabbit represents caution, fertility, rebirth, and safety in numbers

Dream Interpretation: Dreaming of a rabbit symbolizes caution in new undertakings. Several rabbits indicate that additional responsibilities are heading your way.

Raccoon Power Animal

Raccoon Power Animals Meaning: The Raccoon represents curiosity, adaptability and resourcefulness.

Dream Interpretation: Dreaming of a raccoon symbolizes deceit, theft, and of false friends secretly conspiring against you.

Raven Power Animal

Raven Power Animals Meaning: The Raven represents Creation & Knowledge - Bringer of the Light

Dream Interpretation: Dreaming of a raven symbolizes betrayal, disharmony and misfortune.

Porcupine Power Animal

Porcupine Power Animals Meaning: The Porcupine symbolizes Safety and Protection

Dream Interpretation: Dreaming of a porcupine suggests that you need to look out for yourself and protect yourself from emotional or psychological harm. Alternatively, it indicates that there is a situation which you need to approach with openness. Someone in your waking life may not be revealing their vulnerability.

Snake Power Animal

Snake Power Animals Meaning: The Snake symbolizes Rebirth, Resurrection and Initiation

Dream Interpretation: Dreaming of a snake, or being bitten by one, means hidden fears and worries that are threatening you. Your dream may be alerting you to something in your waking life that you are not aware of or that has not yet surfaced. As a positive symbol, snakes represent transformation, knowledge and wisdom.

Spider Power Animal

Spider Power Animals Meaning: The Spider symbolizes power, growth and mystery

Dream Interpretation: Dreaming of a spider indicates that you are feeling like an outsider in a particular situation, or that you may want to keep your distance and stay away from an alluring and tempting situation.

Squirrel Power Animal

Squirrel Power Animals Meaning: The Squirrel symbolizes love and abundance

Dream Interpretation: Dreaming of a squirrel indicates that you are seeking some form of acceptance. Dreaming that you are feeding a squirrel indicates comfort through hard work, diligence and prudence.

Turtle Power Animal

Turtle Power Animals Meaning: The Turtle symbolizes Self-Reliance, Tenacity, Slow Progress

Dream Interpretation: Dreaming of a turtle suggests that you will make slow but steady progress. You need to slow down and pace yourself. Alternatively, it indicates that you are sheltering yourself from the realities of life.

Wolf Power Animal

Wolf Power Animals Meaning: The Wolf is the Pathfinder. The Wolf symbolizes Intelligence & Leadership

Dream Interpretation: Dreaming of a wolf symbolizes beauty, solitude, mystery, self-confidence and pride. You are able to keep your composure in a variety of social situations and can blend in with any situation with ease and grace. You are a loner by choice. Negatively, it represents hostility and aggression. It might also reflect an uncontrollable force or situation in your life.



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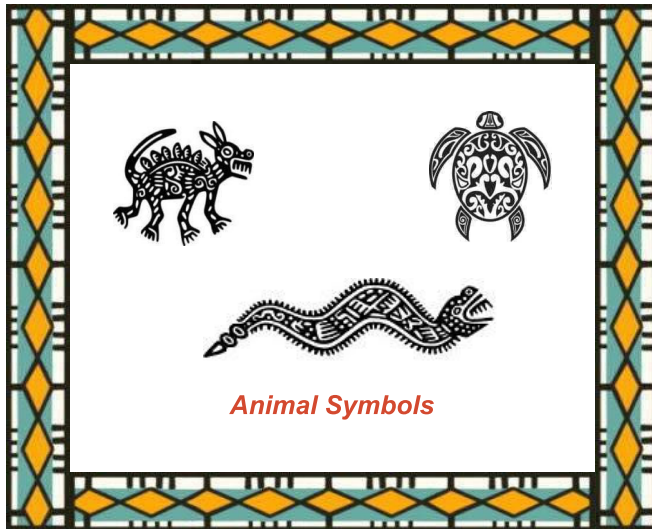
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Animal Symbols



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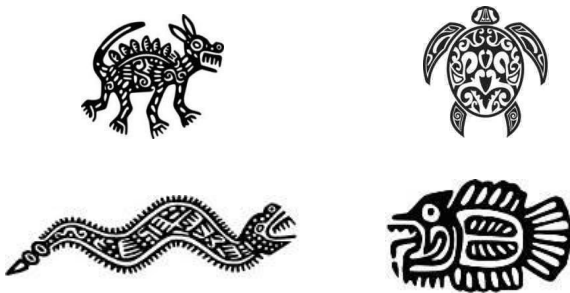
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Native American Indians - Animal Symbols Chart

The following chart provides details of each of the animals that feature in beliefs of Native American Indians together with its meanings and symbolism.

Animal Symbols Chart	
Names of Animals	Native American Animal Symbolism
Animal Symbols: Bear	The bear symbolizes courage, physical strength and leadership
Animal Symbols: Beaver	The beaver symbolizes determination and strong-will
Animal Symbols: Buffalo	The buffalo symbolizes the sacred, life, great strength, abundance and gratitude
Animal Symbols: Butterfly	The butterfly symbolizes transformation
Animal Symbols: Coyote	The coyote symbolizes a cunning trickster
Animal Symbols: Deer	The deer symbolizes gentleness, grace and survival
Animal Symbols: Dog	The dog symbolizes loyalty
Animal Symbols: Dragonfly	The dragonfly symbolizes happiness, speed and purity
Animal Symbols: Eagle	The eagle symbolizes the divine spirit, creation and freedom
Animal Symbols: Frog	The frog symbolizes cleansing, sensitivity adaptability and transformation
Animal Symbols: Fox	The fox symbolizes anticipation, observation and stealth
Animal Symbols: Gila Monster	The gila monster symbolizes preservation and survival
Animal Symbols:	The horse symbolizes mobility, stamina, strength and power

Horse	
Animal Symbols: Lizard	The lizard symbolizes conservation and self-protection
Animal Symbols: Opossum	The opossum symbolizes diversion, strategy and deception
Animal Symbols: Raccoon	The raccoon symbolizes curiosity, adaptability and resourcefulness.
Animal Symbols: Porcupine	The porcupine symbolizes innocence, companionship, and trust
Animal Symbols: Prairie Dog	The prairie dog symbolizes swiftness and preparedness
Animal Symbols: Scorpion	The scorpion symbolizes transformation, strength and chaos
Animal Symbols: Serpent	The serpent symbolizes chaos, corruption and darkness.
Animal Symbols: Squirrel	The squirrel symbolizes planning and the home
Animal Symbols: Snake	The snake symbolizes healing and re-birth
Animal Symbols: Spider	The spider symbolizes creativity and is the weaver of the fabric of life
Animal Symbols: Turtle	The turtle symbolizes good health and long life
Animal Symbols: Wolf	The wolf symbolizes direction and leadership and embodies both protection and destruction
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Native American Meaning of the Animal Symbols - The Bear, Coyote, Deer & Fox

Animal Symbols has different meanings in many Native American tribes. The meaning of the Bear symbol was important as it represented a protector and symbolized courage, physical strength and leadership. The Coyote symbol is depicted as the Trickster who was so mischievous and involved in his own trickery that he would trick himself. The deer was important

to many Indian tribes as it provided a good means of sustenance providing food and clothing for the tribe and the Deer Track symbol was to signify that hunting in the area was plentiful. The Fox symbol represented a benign animal in some tribes but as a dangerous trickster in other tribes.

Meaning of Animal Symbols - Gila Monster, Raccoon, Snake, Turtle, Wolf & Horse

The meaning of the Gila Monster symbol was to signify preservation and survival and used as a sign of the desert. The meaning of the Horse symbol was to signify mobility, stamina, strength and power. The meaning of the Many Fish symbol was to signify water and the flow of life from the Earth. The Raccoon symbol symbolized curiosity, adaptability and resourcefulness. The Snake symbol has different meanings in many Native American tribes and the ancient people. The meaning of the Turtle symbol signifies good health and long life. The meaning of the Wolf Symbol was to symbolize direction and leadership and embodied both protection and destruction.

Meaning of the Animal Symbols - Zuni Bear Fetish

A fetish is an object which is believed to have magic powers. The Zuni Bear symbol was a fetish that symbolized the most powerful of animals and was believed to be the Guardian of the West with the power to heal and to transform passions into true wisdom. The Zuni Native American Indians strongly believed in six cardinal guardian fetishes - the bear, badger, mountain lion, wolf, mole and the eagle.

Meaning of the Animal Symbols - The Insect Symbols: Butterfly, Dragonfly & Spider

The meaning of the Butterfly symbol signifies transformation as the ugly caterpillar changes into the beautiful butterfly. The meaning of the Dragonfly symbol was to signify happiness, speed and purity. The Spider Symbol symbolized creativity and was the weaver of the fabric of life.

The Animal Symbols - Mythology of the Avanyu, Serpents and Panther

Animal symbols, myths and legends: The Avanyu symbol is one of the many snake-like reptile deities that figure in the mythology of some Native American tribes, notably the Pueblo and represented a storm bringer and was connected with lightning, thunderstorms and the guardian of water.



The Panther symbol was seen as a malevolent being or monster who fights then devours his enemies and was strongly associated with warfare. The Feathered Serpent Symbol, the Serpent Symbol, The Great Serpent and the Horned Serpent all featured in the myths and legends of the ancient Mississippian culture of North America, the culture of the Mound Builders.



Serpent Symbols - the Feathered Serpent, the Horned Serpent, Coiled Serpent and the Great Serpent

Animal Symbols - Meanings

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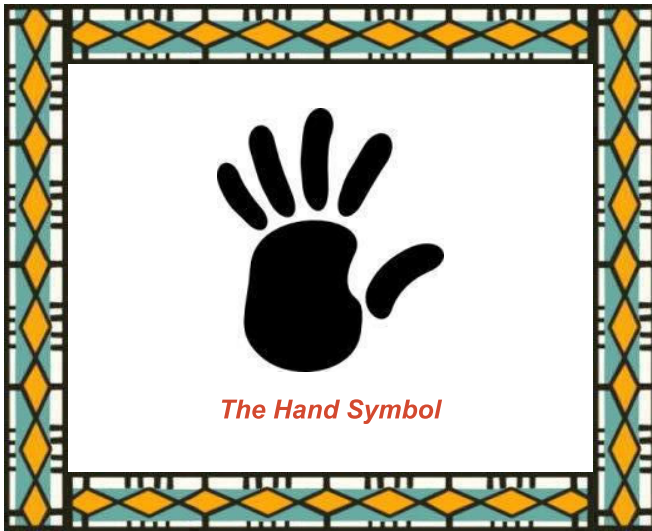
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Hand Symbol Meaning

The Hand symbolized human life and this sign was believed to channel energy to the wearer. War paint in the form of various symbols, such as the hand symbol, were applied to intimidate their enemies when going into battle or during warfare - this where the term "War Paint" was originally derived. The following picture of the Mandan Chief succeeded - he scares the life out of me! The hand symbol also represents spiritual power, strength, domination and protection. The process of applying war paint provided strong mental preparation for the forthcoming battle. Medicine Men sometimes chose certain markings for warriors, like the hand symbol, and powerful magic was passed on during the application of the war paint, such as the hand symbol, helping the warrior to believe himself to be invincible.

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Mandan Indian Chief with Hand symbol on his chest

Hand Symbol Meaning

The next picture illustrates the use of the black hand symbol on the white horse. Black was used to symbolize victory and might be applied to the horse before returning home to the camp. Black Paint was made using ground charcoal, mixed with spit or animal fat, so it was readily available. The hand symbol was also easy to fast and apply, requiring no artistic skill, just a print of the hand that had been dipped in a colored dye or pigment. A woman who saw the hand symbol on the horse of a warrior was filled with pride and safe in the knowledge that he had shown strength and domination in battle. She knew that she would be able to look to such a man for protection.



Horse with black Hand Symbol

Native American Indians - Hand Symbol

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Hand Symbol on Kiowa Beaded Bag

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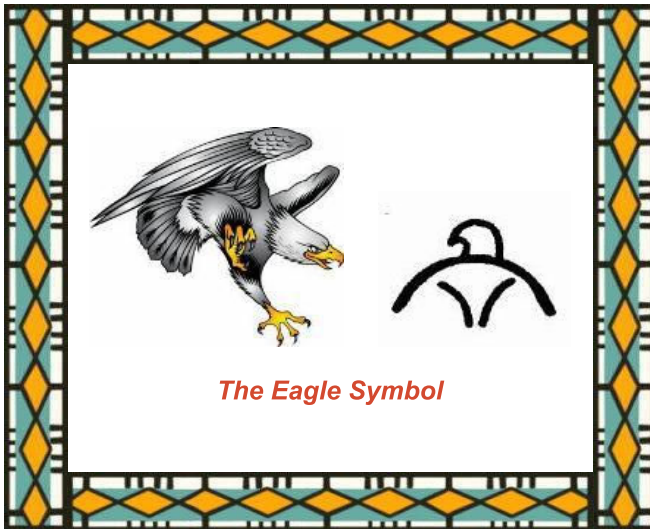
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Meaning of the Eagle Symbol

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The Meaning of the Eagle Symbol

The meaning of the Eagle symbol was to signify courage, wisdom and strength and its purpose was as the messenger to the Creator. The eagle was believed to carry prayers to the [Great Spirit](#) in the Spirit World and also had a special connection with visions. [Eagle feathers](#) were highly significant to the Native American Indians and the bones of eagles were used to make the whistles and flutes used at religious ceremonies and rituals. It was a custom to hold an eagle feather aloft when saying a prayer and during special council meetings eagle feathers were held as an assurance that the person was telling the truth. Eagle feathers also held a connection to the Great spirit. The eagle had the ability to live in the realm of spirit, and yet remain connected and balanced within the realm of Earth. The eagle is therefore often connected with balance. Eagle Myth: The Abenaki solar deity 'Kisosen' meaning "Sun-Bringer" was symbolised as an eagle whose wings opened to create the day and whose wings closed to create the night. For additional information refer to [Power Animals](#).

The Eagle Symbol - Mythology

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The Eagle Symbol - Meaning

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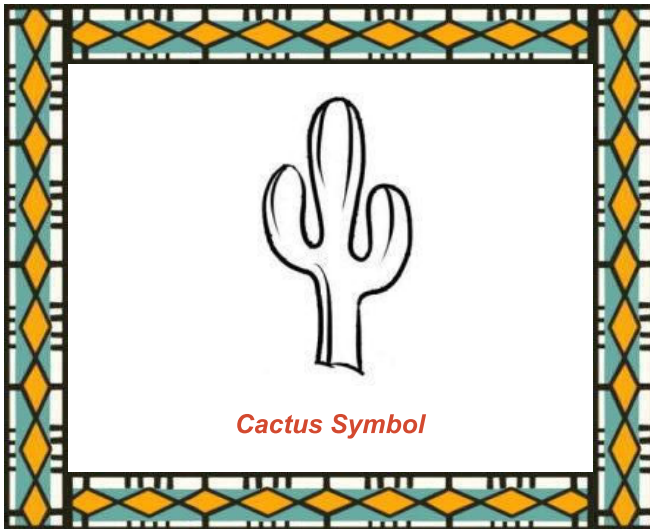


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The Cactus Symbol - Meaning

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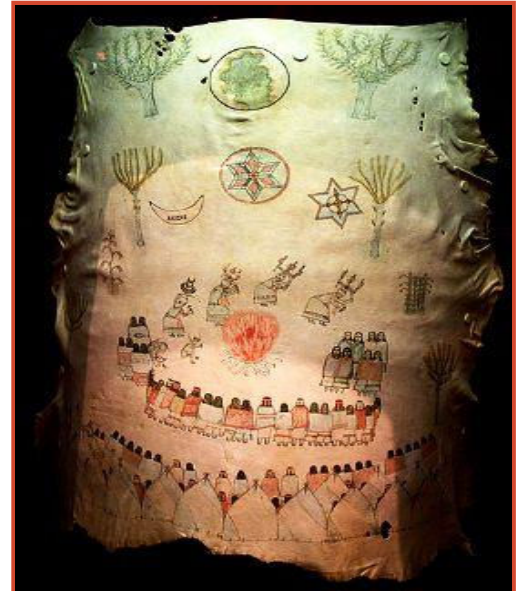
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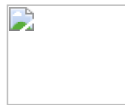
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Identifying Bear Tracks

Native Americans acquired outstanding tracking skills which enabled them to find and hunt the animals used for food, clothing, and tools. The Native Americans learnt how to identify bear tracks by the shape and spread of the track. The length of the stride was also an indicator of the identity of an animal's track. Native Americans searched in soft mud or wet sand near water for animal tracks as these held tracks well and often yielded clearly identifiable prints. The claws of the bear were often used to create necklaces and were seen as symbols of bravery and the wearer was held in high esteem.



Picture of a Missouri Indian wearing a Grizzly Bear Claw Necklace

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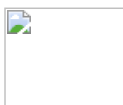
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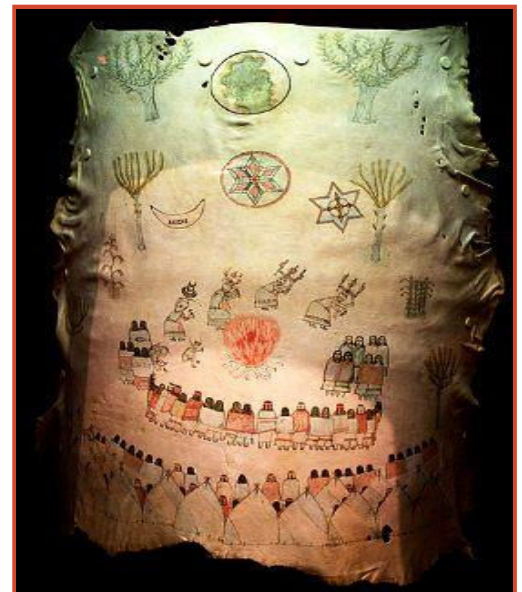
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