

## Title: Native American Heritage Month

Grade Level: K-5

**Objective:** Members will connect with the indigenous tradition of storytelling through artwork.



## Lesson Plan

**Materials:** paper, colored pencils, crayons, markers and/or oil pastels

**Opening Activity:** “Let me tell you a story...” this is your opportunity to model storytelling. Tell an age appropriate short story about a special object or keepsake in your life.

### Core Activity:

- Distribute paper, colored pencils. Have members trace one of their hands on the paper.
- Have members bring to mind a special keepsake object, maybe it's a stick or a rock or a feather? Maybe it's a pair of shoes, or a piece of jewelry? Have members bring it to mind, along with the story behind it.
- Members will draw the item in the center of their hand. If their keepsake item is BIGGER than their hand in real life, that's ok! This drawing doesn't have to be true to size.
- As they illustrate their keepsake, have them surround the hand with the words they associate with their keepsake: what does it look like? What or who does it remind them of? What feelings do they feel when they connect with it?

**Reflection:** As students help clean up the space, invite them to share a story of their special keepsake item, using the words they've added to their drawings.