

Lesson 1

Totem Poles



TOTEM POLES



- Think. Do you know
- A) What is a Totem Pole is?
- B) Where do they originate from?
- C) Why are they made?

What does the Totem Pole mean?

Totem poles are sculptures carved from large trees, such as the Western Red Cedar. In North America, totem poles are part of the cultures of many indigenous peoples of Alaska, British Columbia and the Pacific Northwest. Totem poles serve many purposes beyond their beauty, and their meanings are as varied as the cultures that make them.

Some totem poles represent stories or important events. On these poles, each figure on the totem represents part of a story. These totems are used as a way to record the history and legends of the tribes.



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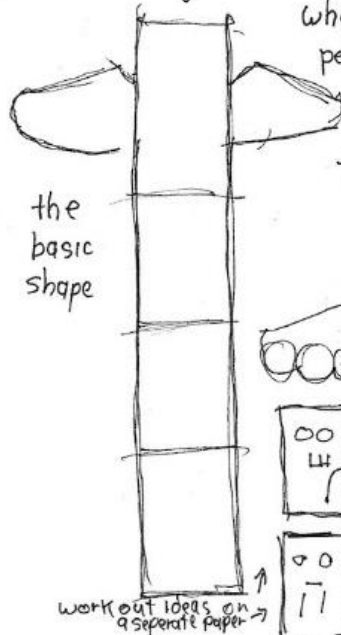
- Write the heading, Totem Poles at the top of the page and in full sentences explain what you now know about them.
- A) What is a Totem Pole?
- B) Where do they originate from?
- C) Why are they made/what do they represent?
- D) Go online and add more detail...

Lesson 2

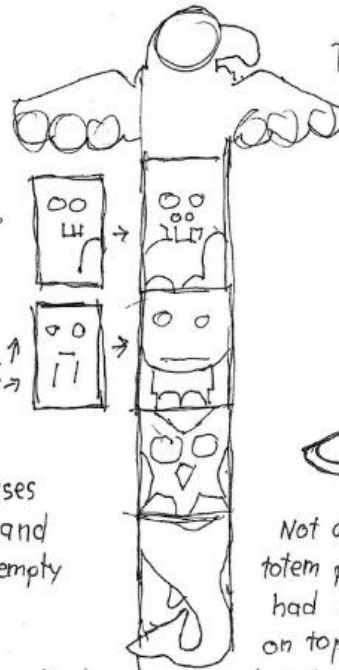
- Choose at least 3 animals that represent / symbolise you or your family.
- Think of your personalities (are you fast like a cheater, love swimming like a fish, as wise as an owl, chatty as a parrot etc.)
- Look at pictures of the real animals, to help you.
- Draw stylised pictures of them, colour them.
- Draw them in a totem pole format.
- If possible draw them on plain paper.

How To Draw A TOTEM POLE

Start by drawing a basic shape, like a tall rectangle. Every totempole is different, so choose what you want on yours. Use a light pencil at first to work out your designs.



the basic shape



the style of art uses lines around lines, and shapes inside any empty space.

After you have worked out all your ideas go over your drawing with a marker or colored pencils. Use brown, black, red, white, and very little blue.

the designs fit inside the squares or rectangles of the totem pole.
the designs can be faces of people or animals

Totem poles tell a story or describe a family - make yours your way



walrus



wolf or dog



owl



fish



Eagle



Bear

Not all totem poles had eagles on top - but they look cool when they do!



man

whale



Lesson 3/4



- Make a totem pole out of any materials that you can find, it could be origami, recycled materials, old sheets, anything you have at home.

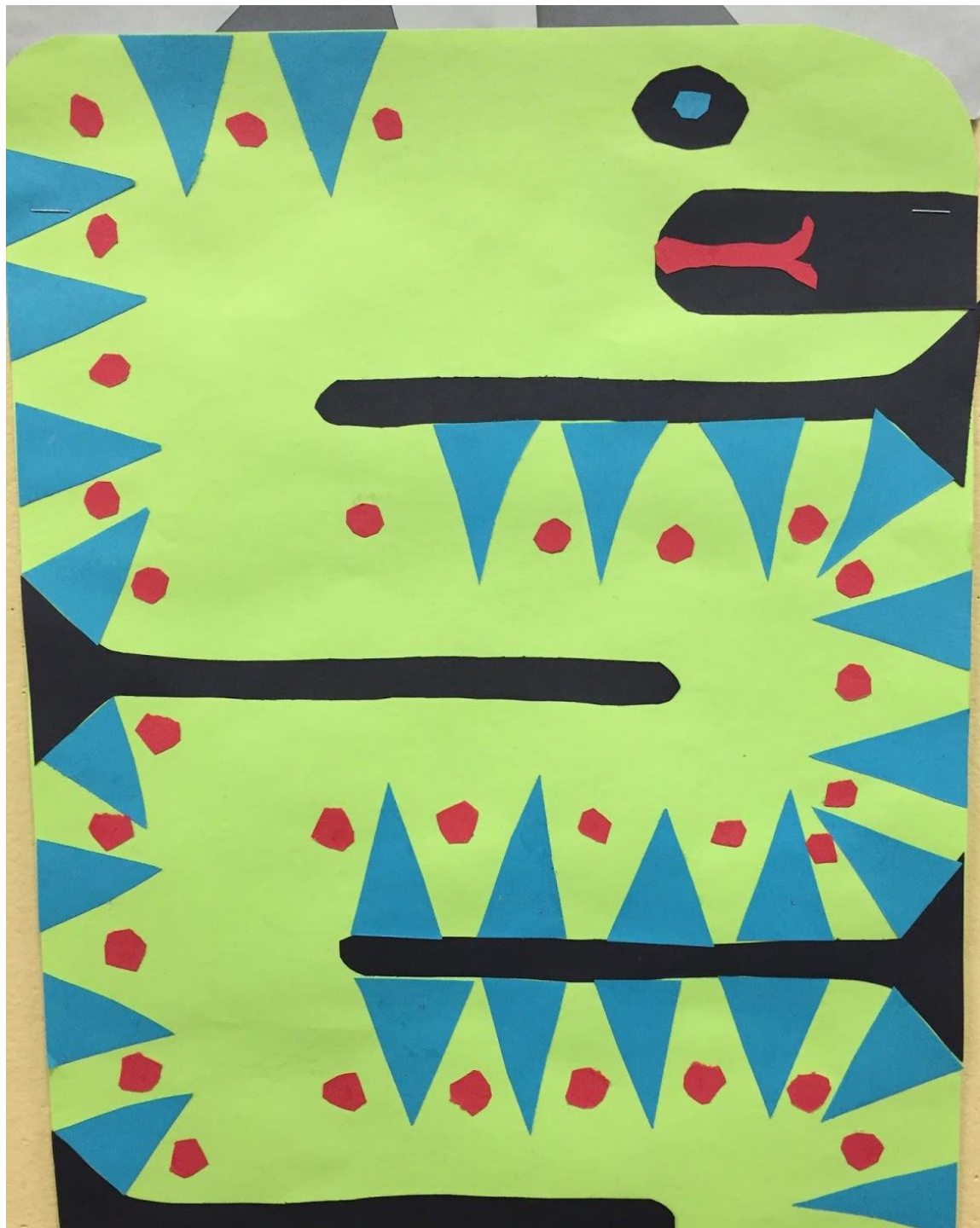


Lesson 5/6

1. Make a section of a totem pole
2. It should be mostly 2D (so that it can be stuck to a wall), but you could add beaks, eyeballs or wings that stick out.
3. Ideally the size should be approximately A4.
4. You can use, pencils, paints, collage, felt tips, recycled materials (whatever you like/have available)
5. Bring it to class and we will make a class display.

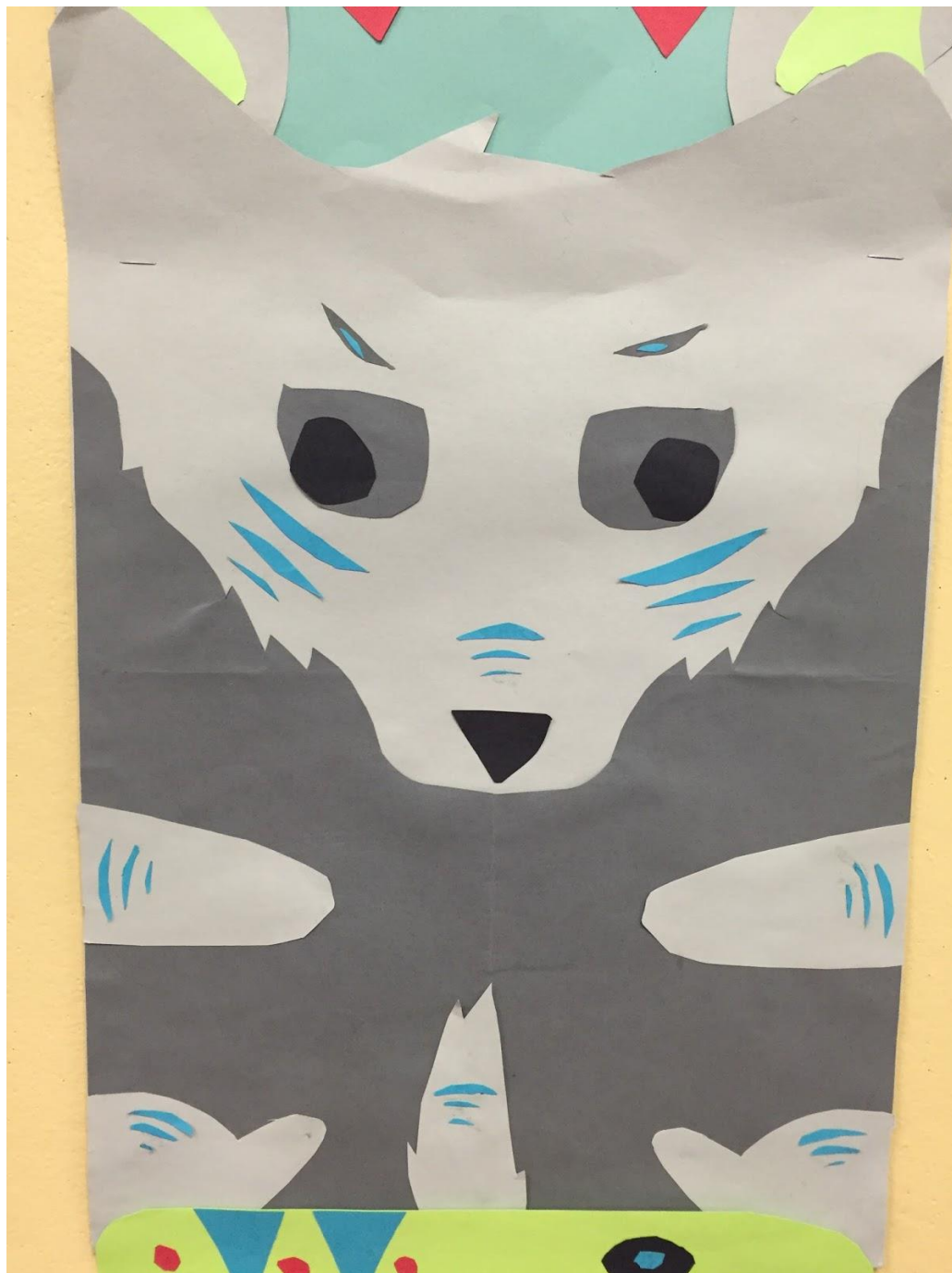














- If you have any questions, please email.
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- Email me pictures of your final masterpieces, if you can.
- Have fun!

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