

# YOUTH PICTOGRAPHS

People's Park, Spokane, WA - Engraved June 4, 2021

Located on the ancestral fishing grounds of the Spokane Tribe of Indians, pictographs created by youth from Wellpinit School District are engraved within the boulders surrounding *Convergence*. Many students contributed drawings that represent their culture, families and interests. The 16 images that can be found surrounding this sculpture are a selection of their efforts. Collectively, they share the cultural past, present and future of this land through the lens of today's Spokane tribal youth.

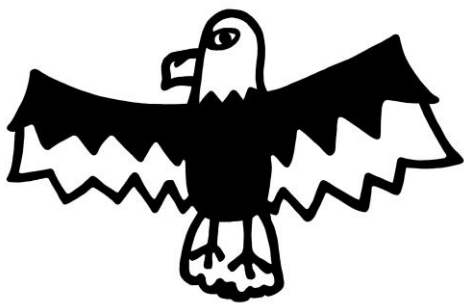
Traditionally, pictographs were created from pulverized soft red Ochre rocks mixed with fish or animal oil and painted onto stones. The Spokane Tribe used these images to communicate important information about a particular area or landmark, such as directions, resources, names, historical records and more. The pictographs were usually seen along well-used trails.

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<https://www.spokanelanguageculture.com/>

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Bald Eagle

**By: Tamiah Tonasket**  
Grade 4

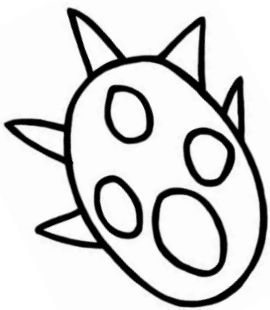
"I pick eagle because I love to see eagles and I like them when they fly."



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Beaver

**By: Clayton Wynecoop**  
Grade 2

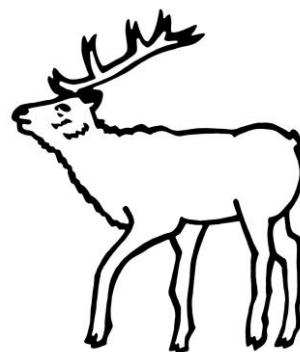
"Beavers build dams and they eat bark. There used to be a beaver family that lived at Turtle Lake."



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Bear Paw

**By: Alexis Gould**  
Grade 4

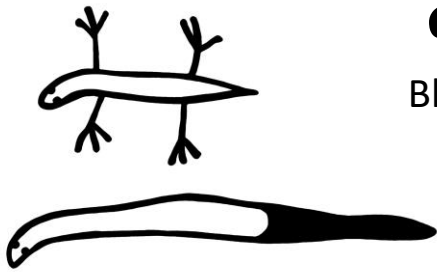
"I'm doing a bear paw because my family loves bear and I love my family."



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Bull Elk

**By: Kaydence Hughes**  
Grade 10

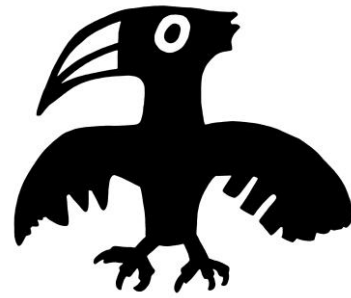
"So my pictograph is going to be a bull elk cause they can protect their herd. When the herd is in danger, they would be the hero saving others from danger."



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Blue-tailed Skink

**By: Jackson Webster**  
Grade 1

"This is a blue-tailed skink. When it gets scared it will drop its tail. The tail will keep moving like a worm. So the skink can get away."



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Crow

**By: Dylan Tatshuma**  
Grade 10

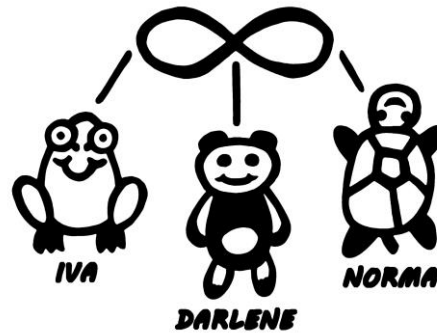
"Crows are extremely smart. They mate for life and take good care of their families. They can recognize faces and can hold grudges and pass the grudges down to their chicks. I've also been told they don't care for owls and hawks."



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Dragonfly

**By: Alicia Park**  
Grade 1

"Dragonflies have big eyes. They can fly really good and are great hunters."



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Eternal Love

**By: Arawyn Dillon, Grade 9**

"My design is of a frog, bear and turtle with an infinity sign over them. The animals are for my deceased yayas."

*Iva: 3/9/44 to 2/15/19*

*Darlene: 9/18/51 to 6/22/18*

*Norma: 9/9/37 to 1/13/18*

♡ RIP yayas ♡ †



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My Mother

**By: Eleina Seyler**  
Grade 10

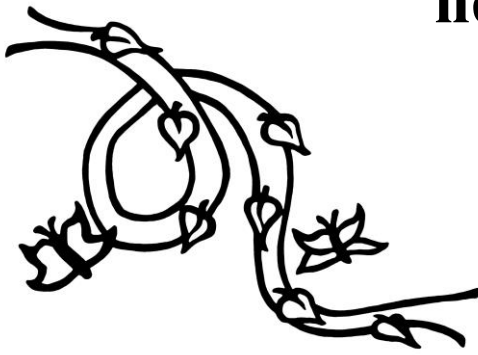
"My mom grows roses and one day we were talking. Basically, I love rain and she loves roses, so I want it either painted or tattooed on me."



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Owl

**By: Faeliah Smith**  
Grade K

"Owls hunt at night. Their feathers help them to fly silently. You can hear them hooting sometimes late at night."



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Peace

**By: Amiah Brisbois**  
Grade 9

“This represents faith, patience, wisdom and peace wrapped around me and my family.”

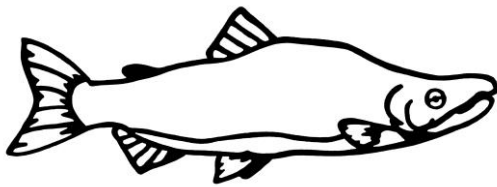
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Powwow



**By: Reiya Abrahamson**  
Grade 6

“When I was young, I loved to dance at the Powwow.”

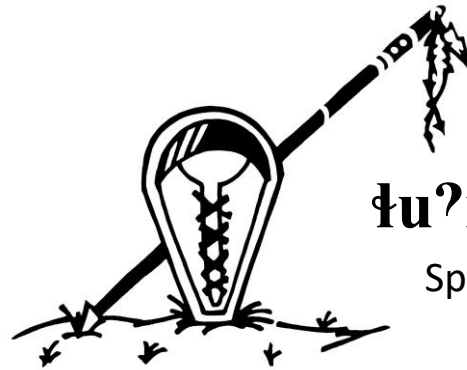


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Salmon

**By: Kristian Alan Hughes**  
Grade 11

“This drawing of a salmon reminds me about how much salmon means, to our culture in the Spokane Tribe. From using spears and nets to fishing poles and boats, we fish salmon, trout, carp, and bass to provide us food for the tribe.”



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Spear in Ground

**By: Lindsey Patrick**  
Grade 12

“One of our ancestors found a baby in a baby board propped up against a spear. They adopted this baby and named them Spear in Ground.”

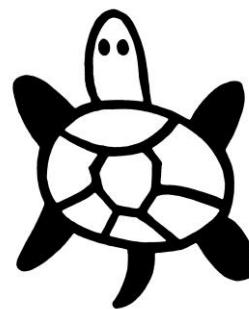


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Tepee

**By: Cisco Flett**  
Grade 4

“Sleeping in a tepee during Powwow is fun.”



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Turtle

**By: Stefen Phillips**  
Grade 9

“It’s a turtle with a super big head. There are turtles in Turtle Lake. It is a great lake to catch fish for dinner.”