

# Native American totem poles and dreamcatchers

On the next couple of slides you will find links to clips and facts about the features of Native American totem poles and dreamcatchers.

These will show you examples of totem poles and dreamcatchers; explain the meaning and purpose of them for Native Americans; and, show you how they are made.



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## Competition:

Choose either totem poles or dreamcatchers.

Research what they are and what they represent.

Design and / or make your own totem pole or dreamcatcher.

Explain the features of your design, showing that you have understood the use and purpose of these objects in Native American history.

You can do this by annotating your design or writing a paragraph.

Email: [Competitions@gordons.school](mailto:Competitions@gordons.school)

When you email, please use the subject heading 'KS3 Week 9 – What do people believe?'

Closing date: 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Winners will be announced via weekly Schoolcomms



Facts about totem poles.

At the bottom of the page is a link to making your own totem pole:

<https://www.wonderopolis.org/wonder/what-is-a-totem-pole>

Clip about how a school created their own totem pole and what its features symbolised for them:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QAbQY5I8s8c>

The creation of a totem pole for a national museum:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y6r5jQvQ6n0>

Junk modelling example for creating your own totem pole:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CaR5O-3IBJc>



Facts about Dreamcatchers:

<https://www.wonderopolis.org/wonder/how-do-dream-catchers-catch-dreams>

Explanation and clip about the different parts of a dreamcatcher: what they are and what they mean:

<https://tribaltradeco.com/blogs/teachings/meaning-of-the-dreamcatcher-legends-symbols-and-purpose-of-the-dream-catcher>

How to make your own dreamcatcher:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PGpiHxooTo>



