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US History 7 Skills-Mrs. Moore Period:

**Unit 2 Project: Dream Catcher**

A *Dream Catcher* is a craft originating from Native Americans. Native Americans relied upon nature for materials to build Dream Catchers. Once completed, the dream catchers would be placed above cradles and beds in the hopes of catching bad dreams and letting good dreams pass through to ensure a peaceful sleep. Now it is your turn to create a Dream Catcher. Please follow the directions below and remember to have fun.

**Due Date: Wednesday, October 19, 2016**

**Step 1: Pick your symbols**

Your dream catcher is called a “four-corner” dream catcher. In each corner you will choose four symbols that represent you. **Two** symbols **MUST** be Native American symbols, which can be found on the internet(see link below for guidance). The other **two** symbols **MUST** be symbols of your own. For example, if you like to play football then one symbol can be a football. If you like to dance, then one symbol can be a music note.

* A website that has hundreds of Native American Symbols:

<http://www.warpaths2peacepipes.com/>

Follow the link and click on “Native American Symbols”

Make sure you know what each symbol represents. If it helps you can write the meaning on your dream catcher.

**Step 2: Write what each symbol represents on five index cards**

In a well written paragraph (depending on how much you write), you will need to explain your “four corners” and the symbols you chose to represent. You will also need to explain why you chose the colors you did for your three feathers (see below-step 3). You will be graded on grammar, spelling, capitalization and punctuation, so please make sure to reread what you write and edit appropriately.

**Step 3: Pick your colors**

Native Americans use various colors in their artwork. Each color represents something different. You **MUST** color each feather strand with a color from the list below that represents you.

* Black: victory/success
* Red: beauty/happiness
* White: sharing
* Yellow: determination
* Green: nature
* Blue: wisdom
* Purple: power/success

**Step 4: Don’t forget your name**

Have fun with this project and decorate it as much as you would like. You can use embellishments like beads and feathers. You will be graded upon the following criteria:

1. Have you followed directions?
2. Does your work represent personal effort?
3. Did you include two Native American Symbols?
4. Did you include two symbols to represent you?
5. Do your five index cards explain why you chose the symbols and colors you chose?
6. Did you use correct grammar, spelling, capitalization and punctuation?

If you have any questions, please ask. I can’t wait to see your finished product. ☺