



# Presentation



## My Totem Pole

Your students will learn to appreciate the meaning behind symbolic Native American totem poles as they create totem poles representations of themselves.

### Materials:

- Word Processing Program or Kid Pix

### In Preparation:

- During a unit about Native Americans, introduce your students to a variety of totem poles. Explain their purpose and the symbolism they represented.
- Instruct them to think about things that represent them. Answer their questions in a journal activity:
  - What do you like to do?
  - What are you good at?
  - What are some of your hobbies?
  - Do you have any pets?Students think of images that represent them.

### On the Computer:

- Students use Kid Pix or a word processing program to create a symbolic totem pole.
- Next to each picture, have your students explain how that symbol plays a role in their lives.
- Print these, mount them on colored paper, and display them on a bulletin board.