

## **Vacations Expressed through Aboriginal Art Assignment:**

Since the Aborigines have no written language, stories of life, journeys, and experiences are expressed through visual images as well as oral traditions. The Aborigines would choose symbols to represent their experiences. Unlike traditional pictures, the Aboriginal paintings do not have a top, bottom or specific side, in which the picture is shown.

*Project:* Create a painting depicting your favorite vacation using the colors, styles, and techniques used in the Aboriginal paintings studied in art class. Create and use at least five different symbols that express or represent your vacation.

*Project Criteria: Things to include and do in your vacation painting:*

- Use at least 5 unique symbols depicting your vacation.
- Create a decorative border, used as a frame for your composition.
- Paint in an opaque manner (not see through).
- Use the characteristics of Aboriginal paintings listed below.

### **Characteristics of Aboriginal Paintings:**

- Converging lines and circles (converging-come together at a certain point).
- Repeated patterns, shapes, and dots.
- Symbols.
- Bright and bold colors.
- Stylized, but realistic animals, plants, and people (stylized- shows a representation of the subject).
- Figurative Images, depicting humans.
- X- Ray images, showing both internal organs as well as external areas.

Project Steps:

**Step #1:** Write a paragraph (5-6 sentences) about your favorite vacation. Describe where you went and your surroundings.

**Step # 2:** Create 5 unique thumbnail sketches of symbols that represent your favorite vacation.

**Step # 3:** Create at least five different styles of each of the 5 symbols in the above boxes.

**Step #4** Create 2 small layout for your composition. You can work vertical or horizontal. Don't forget to include a decorative border.

**Step #5:** Transfer ideas lightly in pencil to large paper (11 x 17).

**Step #6:** Paint the all shapes, border, and background solid first. After paint dries add details and aboriginal characteristics to painting working in layers.

**Step: 7** Mount on 12 X 18 paper of your choice, attach nametag, sign work, complete assessment, and turn-in.