

# PATHS OF LIFE

## American Indians of the Southwest

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### The Hopi 2<sup>nd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> Grade Discovery Hunt



The Hopi have a saying, *Hopivotskwani*, which means the Hopi Path of Life. Each day, the Hopi strive to become truly Hopi through hard work and gaining knowledge to share with other Hopis at the Three Mesas. The Three Mesas are located in northern Arizona. Look at the map in the start of the Hopi exhibit and locate the villages that are in the Three Mesas.



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### Hopi Symbols



Look for the Hopi Emergence painting in the Hopi exhibit. Read the label "The Fourth World" that goes with the painting to discover what the painting is about. What do you think the symbols mean? In this Hopi Emergence painting you will begin to recognize Hopi symbols and see them throughout the exhibit. See if you can find these symbols in objects, panels and pictures.

Finish drawing these symbols and write their meanings in the empty boxes below. Use the Hopi Emergence label to help you. Count how many times you see these symbols in the exhibit.



**More Hopi Symbols**



*Not only do the Hopi use symbols for their pottery, baskets and other artworks, they also have symbols for their clans. Clans are groups of people that form family kinships and share a common ancestor. A long time ago, the Hopi clans broke away and traveled the world to gain knowledge and came back to share it with the rest of the clans at the Three Mesas. The first to arrive was the Badger clan and they brought the knowledge of plant growth. To see more clan symbols, check out the blue background of the Hopi Emergence painting.*

Match the clan symbols with their clan names by drawing a line. See if you can find the symbols on the painting and anywhere else in the exhibit.

Clan Symbols

Clan Names



Rabbit

Snake

Rain

Macaw (Parrot)

Sun

Coyote

Spider

Corn

Bow

Cactus

Mountain Sheep

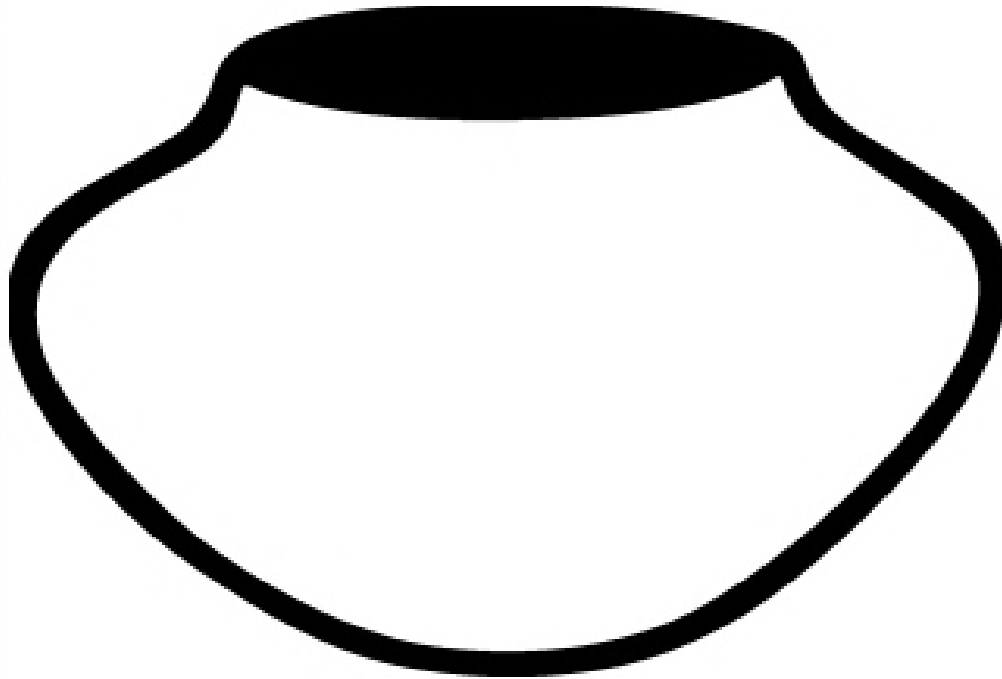


### Hopi Pottery



*The "Hisatsinom" or the ancestors of the Hopi have left their footprints on the land. These footprints are things like pottery. The Hopi and archaeologists use the pottery to learn more about the Hopi people's past.*

Using the symbols and designs that you have seen throughout the exhibit, design your own pot below.



***Visit The Pottery Project exhibit to see more pots made by the Hopi and other Southwestern Native cultures!***