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O-original Art Activities: Giving Thanks and Remembering the History of the Americas



Learn about the first people that lived in the Americas and create artwork inspired by this history.

New Orleans is referred to as *Bulbancha* by the Choctaw meaning “the place of many languages” or “the place of many tongues”. The city occupies the territory and traditional homelands of the Chahta Yakni (Choctaw) and Chitimacha.*

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Supplies

Template, Washable Markers

Instructions

Step 1: What is your favorite food to eat for Thanksgiving? Food is often an important part of culture. Many **Indigenous** Peoples have a cultural connection to corn. Corn originated in what is now known as southern Mexico. Before European colonists came to the Americas there were so many different types of corn. Due to the **colonization** of land and loss of traditional knowledge there are less types existing today.

Step 2: Study the image of the different types of corn. Decide which type of corn you want to create. Pick a color marker to start with.

Step 3: With the permission of a parent or guardian, use the marker to color your thumb. Color it with a few layers. Press your thumb firmly on the corn template to create the “seeds”. Repeat with different colors and fill the area of the corn.

Step 4: The holiday of Thanksgiving is often a sad time for Indigenous Peoples because it represents the colonization of the Americas. Many Indigenous Peoples are working to keep their traditional culture and knowledge alive. What are some important cultural traditions that your family celebrates during this holiday?

Step 5: Use a marker to write these traditions on the husks (leaves) of the corn. Share your artwork with your friends and family.

Step 6 (Optional): Learn more about the Indigenous Peoples living in your area. With the permission of a parent or guardian, go to the website: <https://native-land.ca/> Look up your city. On whose traditional land is your city located? Use books or the Internet to find more information about the people whose land is home to your city.

Step 7 (Optional): Learn more about the origins of the food eaten during Thanksgiving. Using books or the Internet, look up the history of each type of food. Where did it originate? Who were the first people to cultivate this food?

Vocabulary

Indigenous – an adjective use to describe a person, plant, or animal that is native to and originate from a specific area

Colonization – occurs when one country or group of people take control of another country or region and establish a settlement or colony. For example, Jamestown was the first settlement in the American colonies.



