

# CURIOUS ABOUT THE IMAGES AT THE END OF *WE ARE WATER PROTECTORS*?

Let's learn!

## Traditional Headdress

- A headdress is a head-piece made up of feathers on a leather headband!
- There are many different types that have different styles- not all are the same!
- They are worn by important and powerful members of the tribe, symbolizing strength and bravery!
- It is considered the greatest honor to wear one, but also to make the headdress as well!
- You should not wear a headdress if you have not earned the honor





## Eagle Feather

- Overall, feathers possess great meaning in Native American culture!
- They are seen as a symbol of honor and display a connection between the owner, the Creator, and the feather from which the feather came
- In Native culture, the eagle is specifically seen as the strongest and bravest of all birds. Because of this, the feather also symbolizes the highest, bravest, strongest, and holiest
- Eagle feathers are handled with great care and are displayed with pride!





## Beaded Jewelry.

- Beadwork is an important part of Native American culture and history!
- Depending on where the tribe was located, shells, pearls, bones, wood, and stones were used to create beads for art and trading
- Once European settlers arrived in the Americas, small glass beads were incorporated into Native art and jewelry as a result of trading
  - Designs became more complex and glass beads were used to create designs on clothing, tipis, and art
- Beads remain a huge part of Native American jewelry, culture, and clothing



## Traditional Dress



- Traditional dress is an example of regalia, clothing worn to display one's heritage and Native identity
- Regalia is typically worn at Powwows, social gatherings involving eating, dancing, and singing
- Different types of dance require different types of regalia
  - Different dances include: traditional, grass, jingle, fancy, and hoop



## Dakota Access Pipeline



- A pipeline carries oil from one place to another, in this case through North Dakota to Illinois
- The Dakota Access Pipeline would go under the Mississippi River, where the drinking water comes from for the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
- No matter how safe pipelines try to be, many leak, causing oil to ruin the resources around it
- The pipeline also crosses sacred burial land for the tribe



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