Basic Drawing Final Project

*Drawing Skills are foundational art skills that allow us to accomplish more advanced artwork. Through your Final Drawing Project you will showcase all of the drawing skills and techniques you have been learning.*

**Research the Art of Your Own Tribe (s)**

**1. Learn about your own Meaningful Connections** – Select a type of art that interest you and study it. Then ask family, relatives, elders, what are the meanings of the designs, colors, shapes and forms you see in the art work. Pay special attention to how the meaning in the art has connections to our mother earth and creator (spirituality), and how it has meaningful connections to important traditional teachings from your tribe.

**2. Try to identify some of the techniques we have been learning in the artwork of your tribe (s).** Observe how some of the drawing skills and techniques we have been learning are used in creation of your own tribe’s traditional or contemporary arts. Look for: Drawing the Shape and Form, Seeing the Light and Shadows to show Shading and Value, Perspective, 2 Dimensional and 3 Dimensional Forms, Line Quality, Ellipses, Symmetry, Sketching etc.

**3. Remember what you learn!** Record what you learn in your sketchbook, take good notes and sketch the art you are discussing, and anything else that will help you remember what you are learning. You may take pictures and video as well if it is Ok’d by the person (s) you are speaking with.

**Then Plan your own Final Drawing project in include the following:**

**a**. **Thoughtful Composition of your drawing** – how it’s organized and laid out on the paper to achieve your creative vision.

**b. Incorporate all of the techniques you have learned**: Observation and truly “Seeing” the form you are drawing, Sketching and Perfection of Form, 3 Dimensional aspects, Seeing the Lights and Shadows to create Value through Shading.

**c. Include your own Meaningful Connections** in your final drawing through your selection of forms, designs, value and shading, symmetry etc. that have connections to the earth, to traditional teachings, and to what is important to you. Be Creative!

**Let’s talk about our work in Critique -** We will all participate in discussing our work and gently critiquing our final projects together. (See Gentle Critique Guidelines)

***Students will demonstrate centering and mindfulness techniques while working, as well as the integration of Core Values into their work ethic and their art.***