

Lesson: Power Animal Puppets**Grade:** 1**Objectives:**

Students will:

Learn about Native Americans' respect for wildlife

Choose an animal, fish, or bird to represent them as their power animal

Make a power animal puppet

Materials: brown lunch bags, construction paper, glue, scissors, pencils, books: Animal Speak by Andrews; Whale in the Sky by Siberell.**Presentation:** Explain that Native Americans believed that animals and humans are meant to be friends and help each other. Each animal, bird or fish has special powers that help it to survive and succeed. Here are a few examples of animals and their powers: antelope- speedy and smart; beaver- builder of dreams; cat-independence; deer- gentle; dog-faithful protector; elephant-strength; otter-playful; spider-creative.**Directions:**

1. After presentation, ask students: What animal is your favorite? When you visit the zoo, what do you love to visit most? Do you dream about animals? Talk about why they might love a certain animal most and what its special power might be.
2. Have students choose an animal or two to be their power animal and explain that they will be making a power animal puppet.
3. Using a brown lunch bag, show students how to make the puppet open and close its mouth with your hand in the bag.
4. Demonstrate cutting a few details, such as ears, whiskers, antlers, and attaching them with glue or glue sticks.
5. When animals are complete, store them for future use.

Time: 60-80 minutes