

Surrey
First Peoples
Guide for
Newcomers
Colouring Book

Original Artwork by Luke Pike



SURREY
LOCAL IMMIGRATION
PARTNERSHIP

Land Acknowledgement

The work of the Surrey Local Immigration Partnership takes place on the ancestral, traditional and unceded territories of the SEMYOME (Semiahmoo), ǫ́ícǫ́y (Katzie), kwikwə́łəm (Kwkwetlem), ǫ́wɑ:ńłǫ́ń (Kwantlen), qiqéyt (Qayqayt), xʷməθkʷə́yəm (Musqueam) and s̓cəwəθən məsteyəxʷ (Tsawwassen) First Nations. The knowledge, traditions, and ongoing contributions of these communities are significant in providing context to the work of this resource. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

Foreword

Surrey Local Immigration Partnership (LIP) is a collective of community partners, bringing diverse voices together to build a fair and inclusive city where all immigrants, refugees and citizens thrive. Through dialogue and research, Surrey LIP members collaborate on innovative and community-driven strategies to meet the changing needs of one of the fastest-growing cities in BC. They work collaboratively to develop strategies to prepare the community to welcome new immigrants and refugees through an equitable and inclusive approach.

The Surrey First Peoples Guide for Newcomers Colouring Book, was designed and based on the work of the Surrey First Peoples Guide for Newcomers which was a response to the call for accurate resources on First Peoples in Canada from an Indigenous perspective.

The hope of the Surrey LIP is to extend this resource to younger audiences through a fun, engaging, and accurate colouring book that will contribute to our collectively learning and unlearning of Canada's true history and Canada's First Peoples.

Access the Surrey First Peoples Guide for Newcomer here:



About the Artist



Ey swayel, Swaleusa tel skwix. Teli tsel kw'e Xw:Chiyom

Hello, my name is Luke Pike. My traditional name is Swaleusa, I am from Cheam First Nation.

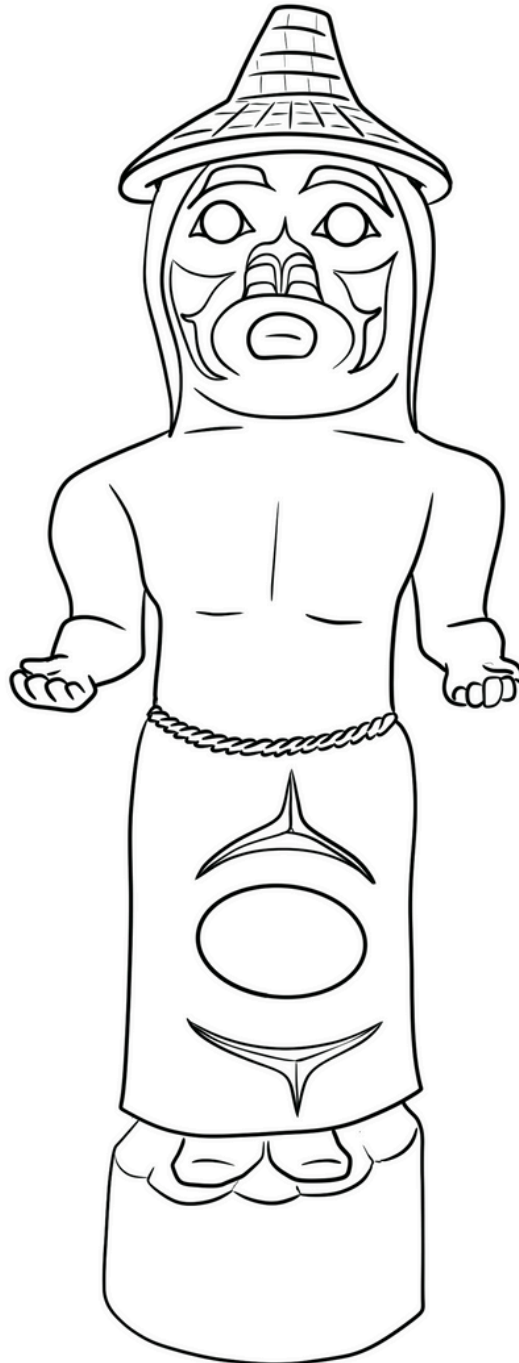
I have been doing art since before I can remember and I have had the privilege to watch many great artists work as I grew. My teachings are that you put some of yourself into your work, I am honoured to share a piece of myself with you and humbled that you appreciate it.

Tsel Tsilthome, I thank you.

Territorial welcome

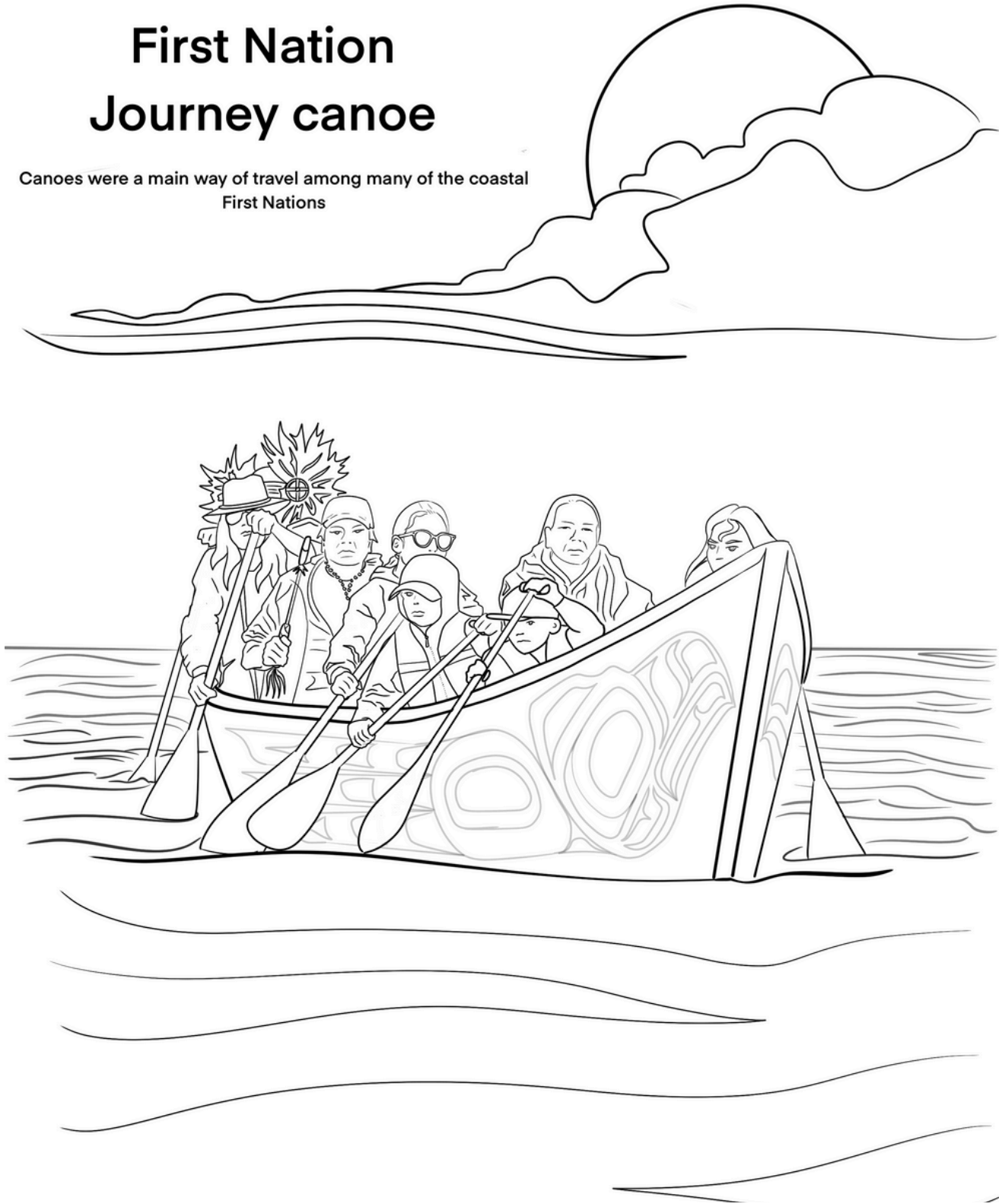
The Stó:lō people show gratitude and welcoming by raising their hands.

You may see welcoming posts around the different territories in the area



First Nation Journey canoe

Canoes were a main way of travel among many of the coastal
First Nations



Stó:lō Dancing

Dancing and singing are considered prayer and medicine among the Stó:lō coast Salish people.



Dancing

Enjoying each others cultural diversity.



Dancing is a fun way to show culture and tell stories. Every move and every song shares something special. What dances do you know? In First Nations communities, powwows are big celebrations where kids and adults dance, sing, eat yummy food, and show love and pride for their traditions.

First Nation Drumming and Singing

Songs are used for honoring, prayers and medicine



First Nations across Turtle Island begin their special gatherings by singing a song to say thank you to their guests for coming. They do this to show respect and appreciation, and to bring everyone closer together.

There are many different First Nation cultures in B.C. these are some examples of local types of regalia



Regalia is the special clothing worn for special days like celebrations and ceremonies. Each outfit is different and shows something special about the person, like their family, culture, and personal story. It's not just clothes, it's a way to share who they are and where they come from.

Storytelling

Many cultures come together to share stories about culture and traditions



Indigenous peoples share important lessons and stories by talking to each other. They tell these stories again and again so that their history and values stay alive and are remembered by future generations.

Social Gathering

many cultures coming together to enjoy each others company and share food at a gathering.



For Indigenous Peoples, and many other people around the world, gathering around food and sharing a meal with others helps bring people closer together, build friendships, and strengthen community.

Residential school

The local indigenous children were taken away to residential (boarding) schools. Many children did not make it back home.



Residential Schools are a very dark part of Canada's history. Many Indigenous children were taken away from their families and weren't allowed to speak their language or take part in their culture. This hurt many people and their communities and the effects continue to this day.

Indigenous athlete

Some sports such as lacrosse have been played by indigenous peoples for thousands of years and is still being played today



Lacrosse is called the Creator's Game. Indigenous People play it to help heal others, solve problems in their community and to have fun.

Resurgence

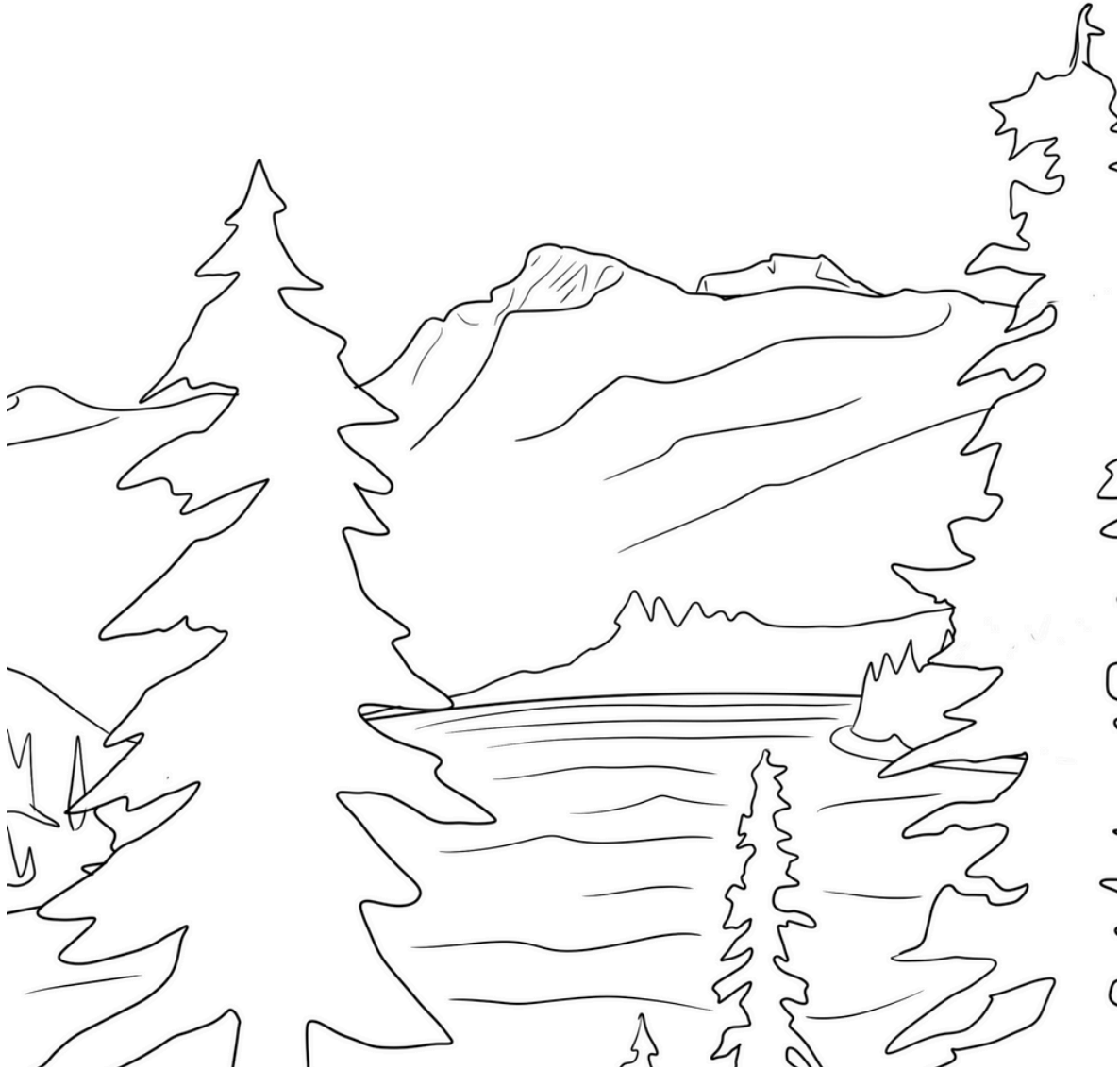
The local cultures which have endured thousands of years are still alive and practiced today



Today, many Indigenous People are proudly reconnecting with their culture.

Mountains

British Columbia is home to many mountains, forests and lakes

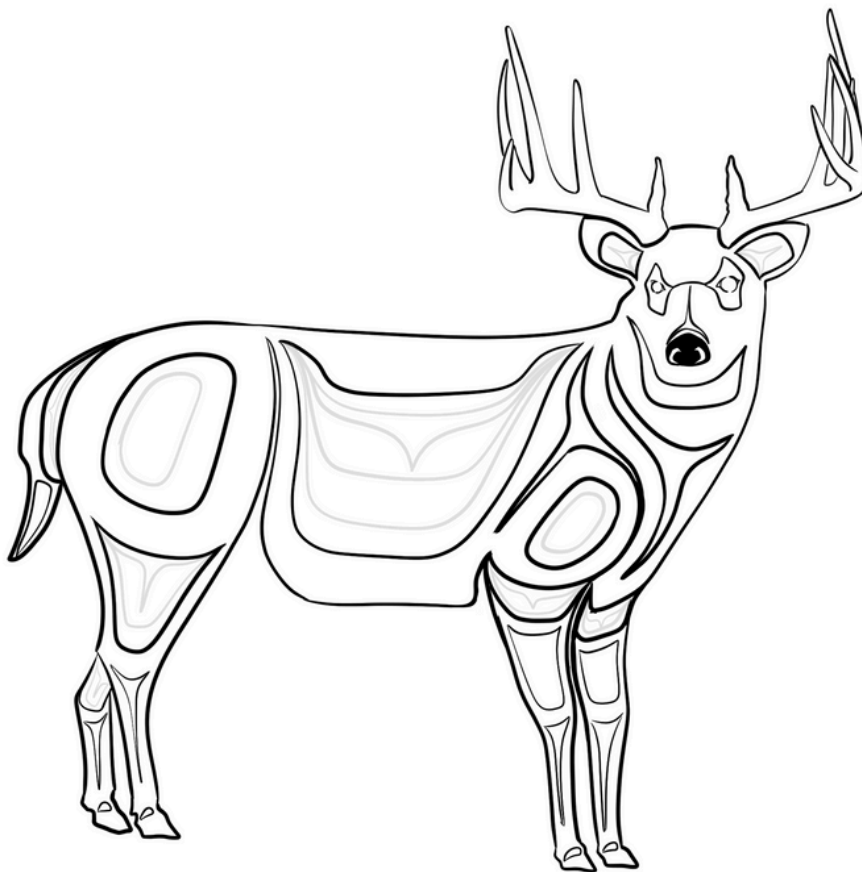


Indigenous Peoples have a strong connection to the lands and waters, they are very special and give them strength. That's why protecting nature is an important part of Indigenous Peoples lives, traditions and stories.

Indigenous Peoples respect their kin or families which include animals on the land, water and sky.

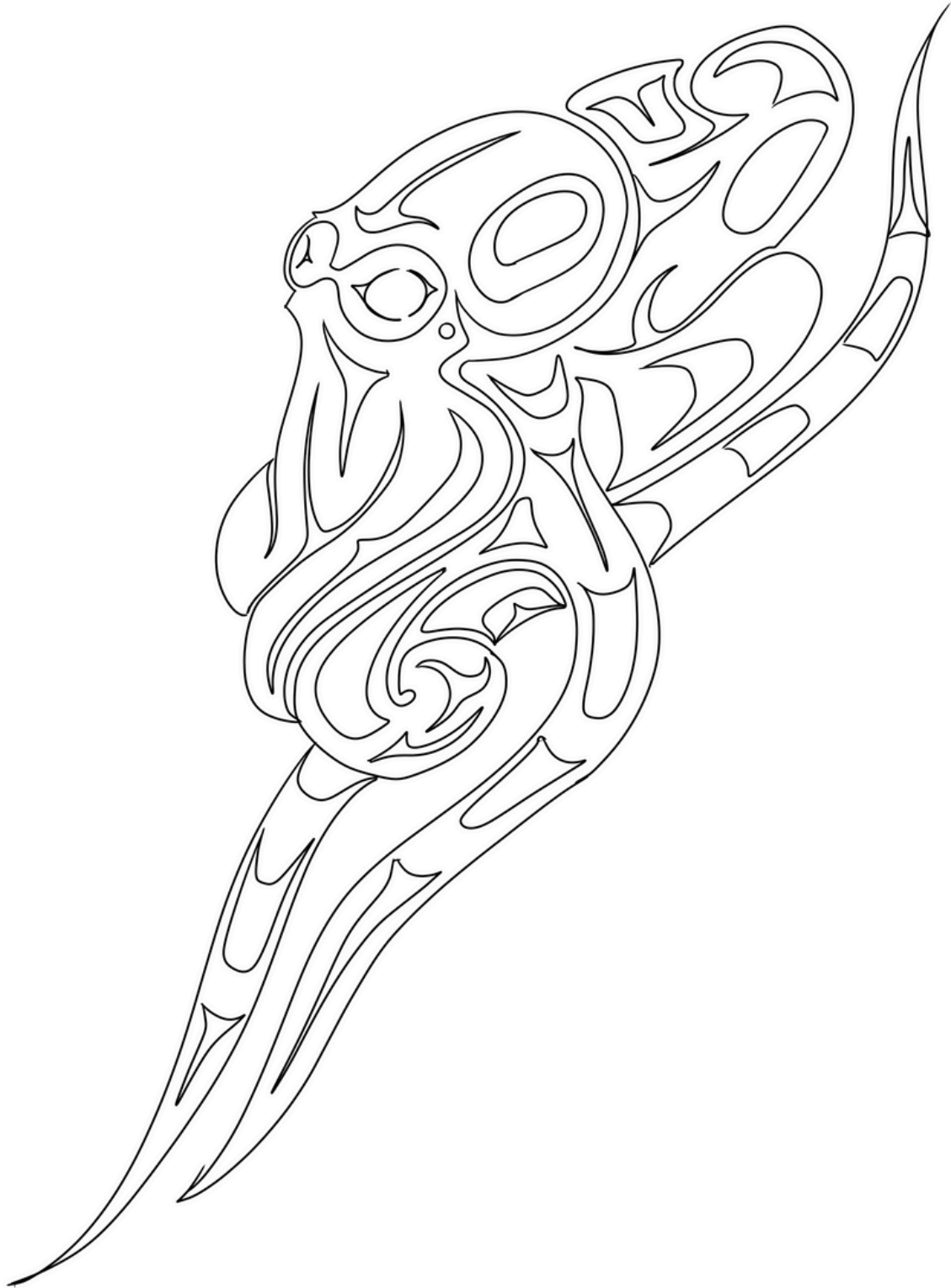
Deer

First Nation designed deer



Octopus

A First Nation designed octopus





Bear

First Nation designed bear

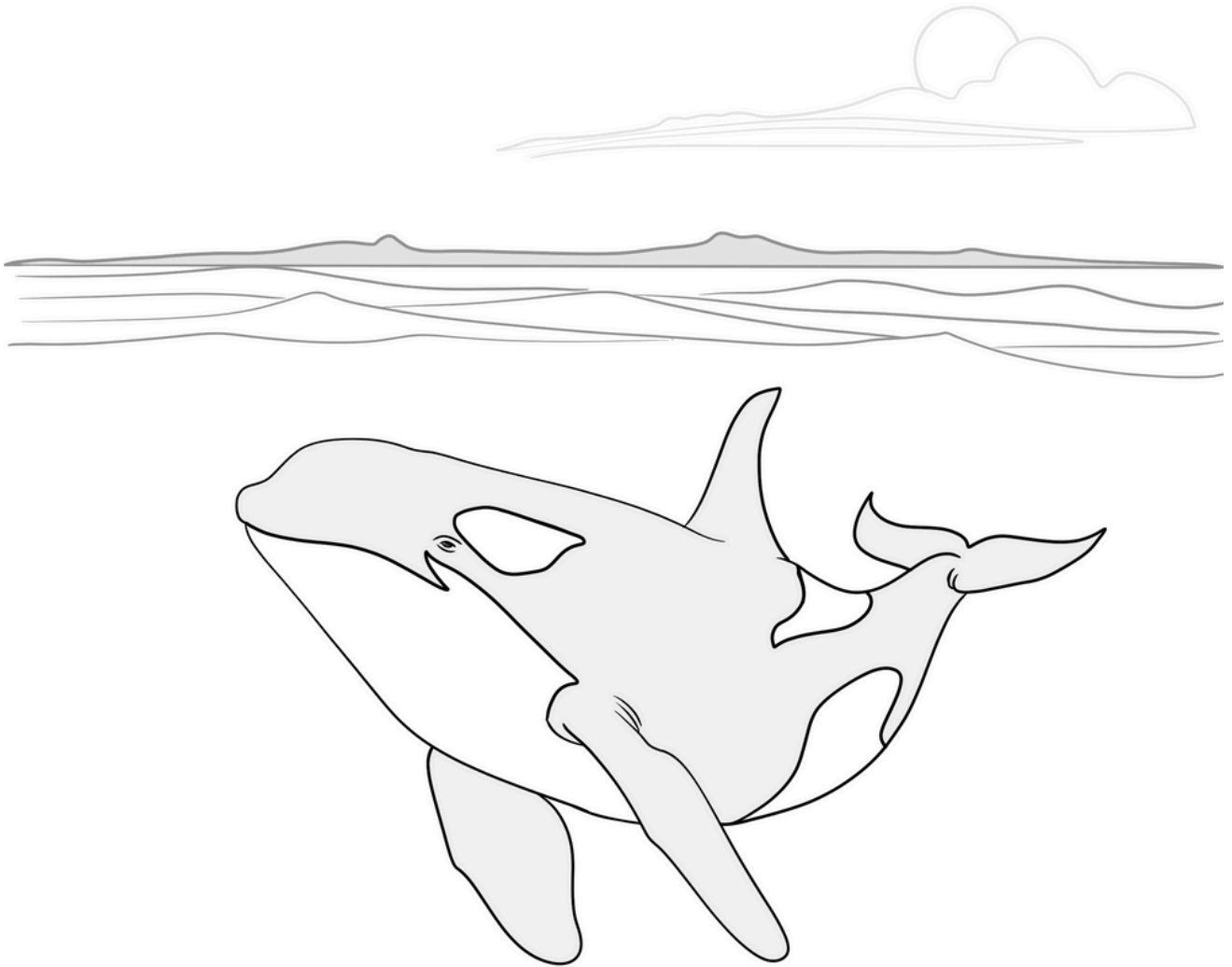
Eagle

Many First Nation cultures consider eagles sacred



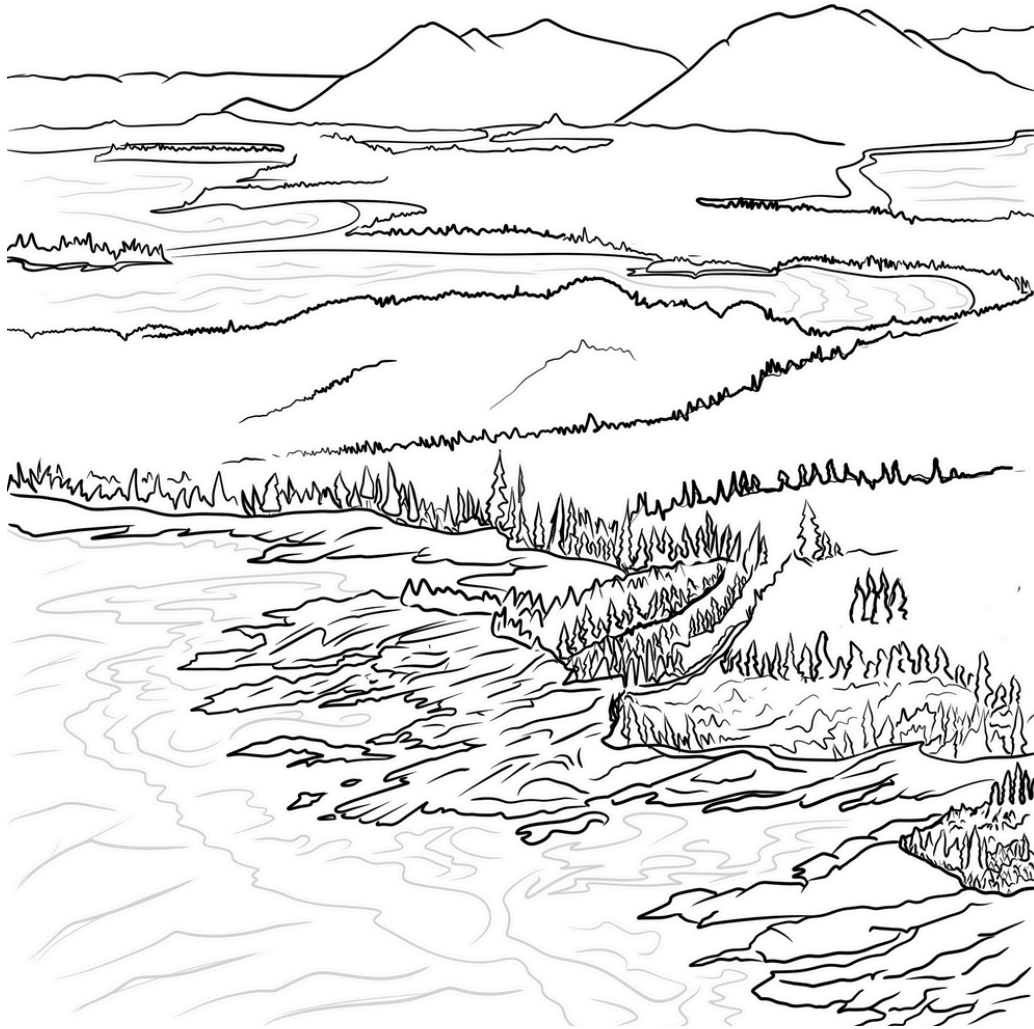
Orca Whale

Orcas are sometimes called Killer whales. They live in family groups called "Pods"



BC Coastline

British Columbia is home to 25,725 km of coast line



Indigenous people have always cared deeply about the land. They believe the land teaches us, gives us what we need, and asks us to take care of it. A long time ago, people, animals, and nature were all closely connected and that connection is still important today.

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