

# Rocky Makes Room For Them

*Graphic Artist*

## 1. Learning Objectives

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### Students learn about

- Art is created from personal history
- Art tells a story through pictures and words
- Art created with intention
- The characteristics of art
- Personal interpretation and reaction to visual art

## 2. Key Concepts

- Ojibwe culture influences (Anishinaabe)
- Characteristics of visual art; color, line, shape, value, form, texture and space
- Principles of visual art; repetition, pattern, emphasis, contrast and balance
- Tools and techniques used to create graphic stories/ comics
- Process of creating his art

## 3. Teachers Quick Reference

### Places

Duluth, MN

Lakota Heritage

Visual Media and Spoken Word Art  
Renaissance Man

Spray Paint Art combines the old with the new. Rocky includes Native American detail such as the dots (perhaps beads) with a graffiti spin

Rocky's dad painted with acrylics and oils to create painting that look like photographs

Hip Hop influenced Rocky's art. He painted trains, buildings, bridges, etc, but not with letters like the graffiti we know, he painted instead horses and flowers. He recently started painting the Native themed graffiti on canvas.

Rocky also quills. It teaches a lot of discipline, patience. He learned from his aunts, so he teaches quilling to people in the community

Rocky plays flute, sings, makes drums, beadwork and poetry.

Rocky really draws inspiration from the world around him.

Rocky tackles Native Issues through bringing the community together while viewing his art and through writing his poetry. "Negation of Reality"

## 4. Content Review

- What type of art is this?
- How did Rocky get started in art?
- What materials are used?
- What cultural influence do you notice in Rocky's art?
- Name three Ojibwe cultural references that are represented in Rocky's art.
- List seven characteristics of art that are included in visual art and poetry.
- Identify the tools and techniques used by Rocky Makes Room For Them.
- What contributions from American Indian tribes and communities effect his art and stories?

## 5. Discussion Questions

- What thoughts are taken into consideration when creating his art?
- How is art used as a bridge within the community?
- Discuss Rocky's perspective in his poem "Negations of Reality". What is meant by have a lot of power in him?
- What characteristics come from Minnesota American Indian Influence?
- List the Characteristics and principles of visual art; color, line, shape, value, form, texture and space, repetition, pattern, emphasis, contrast and balance
- Create an analysis of his art based on the artists intention, cultural symbols, characteristics and principles.

## 6. References

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