

KACHINAS



- Go to your public, school, and classroom libraries and check your home for any books about kachinas. Collect all the different materials you can on this topic and bring them to school. Read and research all you can about kachinas. Keep a bibliography on all the books you read and record them on your "Kachinas" chart.
- Make a timeline of the Hopi American Indians. Include important events such as when they first used kachinas, and developed weaving and silverwork. Include outside influences such as trading with other tribes, trading with settlers, and changes in the environment.
- Make a display of four different kachinas. Use photographs, drawings and/or real dolls as references. Label your display. Include information about the purpose, symbols, materials used, and special characteristics of each kachina.
- Visit a natural history museum and/or an art museum to view the kachina doll displays. Record your experience in a journal. Summarize your experience in a tape recording that classmates can listen to.
- Research the symbols used by the Hopi Indians. Create a poster or mural to display the different symbols used by the Hopi Indians. Label each symbol and explain what the symbol means and how/when it was used.
- Create a large map of the area where the Hopi Indians live. Include the names of neighboring tribes. Consider making a three-dimensional map by adding real elements to the map, such as a small basket, or Fun Foam[®] representation of a kachinas.



- Design and build your own kachina doll. What spirit does it represent? What is its story? How does it help people? Write a story and create a dance for your kachina doll. Share this with your classmates.

- What role do kachinas play in current Hopi culture? Record your thoughts in a journal entry. This can be done as a narrative or in the form of a poem or song.

