



Bear



Salmon



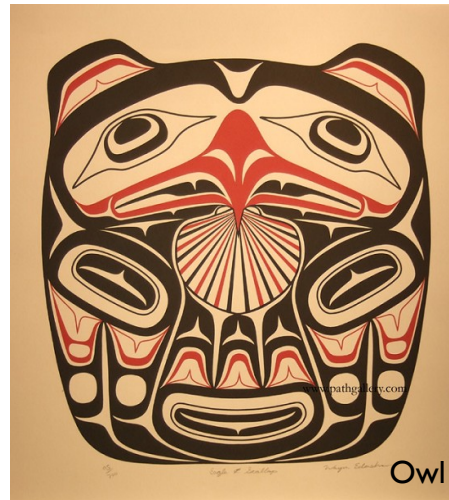
Raven & Moon



Frog



Sun



Owl



Eagle



Wolf



Orca



Facts about totem poles:

1. only made by six different tribes in the Pacific Northwest (Haida, Nuxalt, Kwakwaka'wakw, Tlingit, Tsimshian, and Coast Salish)
2. usually made from the trunk of a yellow or red cedar tree, because cedar decays slower than other fallen trees
3. usually stick to a strict color scheme, but many newer poles tend to be more colorful
4. made for families or clans to represent their histories, important facts or events that have occurred
5. families would host large parties to celebrate the raising of the pole, when the stories of the poles would be told and the animals were believed to come to life to show the story
6. each animal represents a different family member or someone important to the family, and would serve as protection later for the family
7. the most common totem pole animals are the eagle, the orca, the salmon, the bear, the owl, the thunderbird, the wolf, the raven, and the frog