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BISKAKONE GREG JOHNSON: WHAT MAKES A PLACE HOME? EDUCATION GUIDE

Discussion Questions

Watch the video segments featuring Biskakone Greg Johnson in the HOME episode. Answer the questions below.

1. What did you find interesting?
2. What surprised you?
3. What do you want to know more about?
4. What does Home mean to you?
5. What traditional objects does the artist and/or members of his family create?
6. "Birch bark is the most utilized possession in our culture. A gift to us from Creation." Based on the artist's quote, what did you notice in the video? In what ways do the artist's people make use of birch bark?
7. "Etching reveals the summer bark." What did the artist mean by this? Describe the process.
8. What tools did the artists use?
9. How did they use these tools?
10. Where does the artist get ideas for the imagery on the birch bark baskets and containers?
11. What are some cultural traditions followed in your families or communities like those featured in the video?