

# NAVAJO COLORING EXERCISE

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_



Navajo Rug

## DIRECTIONS

Colors mean many things in many different cultures. For the Navajos, four colors have special meaning: black, white, blue, and yellow. These colors can symbolize many different things, including spiritual beings and important places in Navajo culture. These colors can also be symbols for the four directions—north, south, east, and west—and symbols for the four times of the day—night, dawn, daytime, and dusk.

COLOR	DIRECTION	TIME OF DAY
Black	North	Night
White	East	Dawn
Blue	South	Day
Yellow	West	Dusk

Use the list above to fill in each line of the coloring page. For example, on the top, where it says “North,” color the line next to it black, and on the bottom, where it says “Day,” color the line next to it blue. In the middle of the coloring sheet it says “Family.” Choose a color that you think could be a symbol for family, and use that color to fill in that section. Then write a paragraph (3-5 sentences) in the space below describing why that color represents family for you.

The color \_\_\_\_\_ symbolizes (means) family because \_\_\_\_\_

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**NORTH**

**WEST**

**NORTH**

**SOUTH**

**EAST**

**WEST**

**SOUTH**

**WEST**

**EAST**

**FAMILY**

**DAWN**

**DUSK**

**DAY**

**DAWN**

**DUSK**

**DAY**

**NIGHT**

**DUSK**

**NIGHT**

