

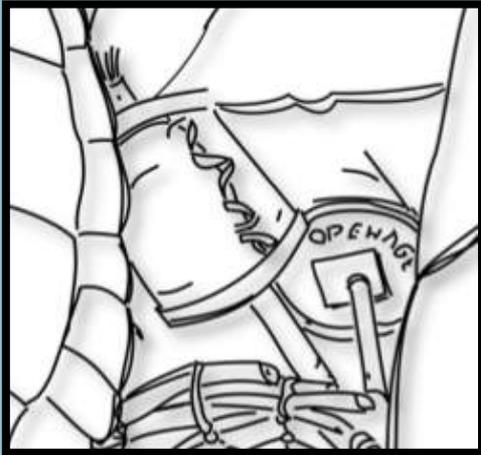
# LESSON PLAN

## Midewiwin Society →•

What is it?

- Traditionally, the Grand Medicine Society was an esoteric group, including shamans, prophets, and seers, as well as others who successfully undertook the initiation process. The society was thus both a centre of spiritual knowledge and, likely, a source of social prestige.
- NOT secret society – a discreet group
- History
  - Was response to Colonization.
- Current Status Society? Still Active

Midewiwin Society  
Birch Bark Rattle



## Copenhagen Chew Lids

Rattle (note snuff can lids)

- 1822: George Weyman begins producing Copenhagen Snuff in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
- Jingle Dress: the traditional way – from the lids of Copenhagen snuff cans.
  - Now you can buy 'fake' lids to make jingle dresses



**QUESTIONS:** 1. is the use of snuff can lids Indigenous people 'appropriating' another culture? **NOTE:** All cultures advance by 'appropriating' aspects of other cultures. Note 'Hoop dancing' – from Southwest / the Pueblo people that are responsible for the popularity and revival of the hoop dance now / World Champion x2 from Alberta / Hoop dance is still one of the most important healing dances in the White Mountain Apache.

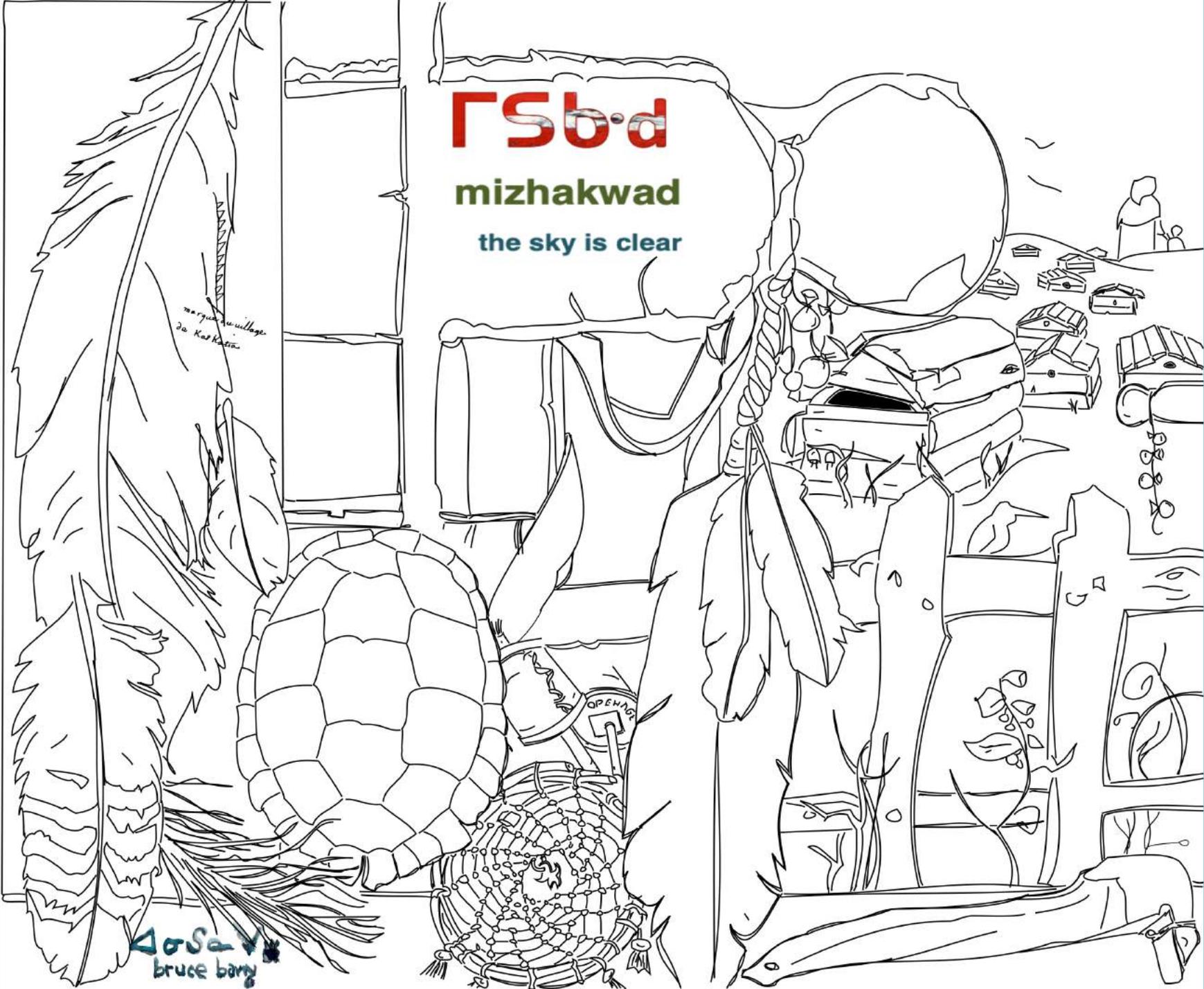


Original painting (Kehewin Reserve, Alberta. Cree Territory: Sweet Grass Elder funeral)

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"After you turn to go, do not look back. Your love will keep them here".



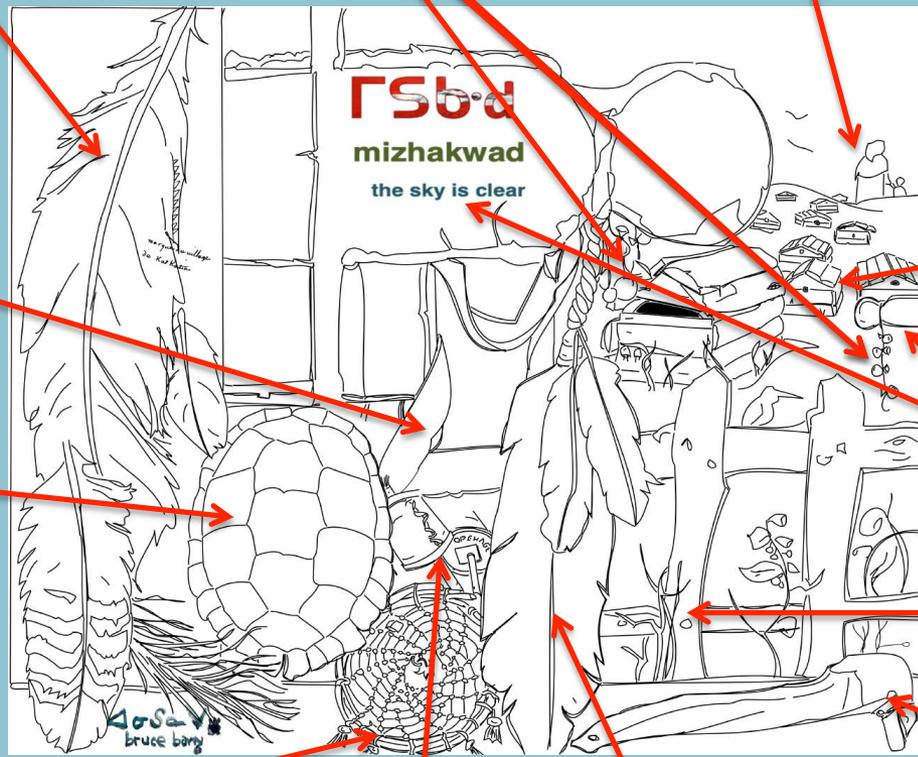
Sand hill Crane Feathers



Tobacco Ties



Grave Spirit Houses



Coloured Ribbons

Christian Crosses

Turtle Shell

Sweetgrass



Midewiwin Society Birch Bark Rattle

Eagle Feather

Elk Hide Scraper

Dream Catcher (asabikeshiinh)

