

The Keepers' Voice

Post-Performance Activity Prompts

1. Native Americans passed on their traditions through oral history and symbols placed on their pottery, baskets, clothing, etc. Have your students try their hand at these methods of communication. Their challenge is to convey a series of events without using written words. Have them draw symbols upon a strip of paper, similar to a wampum belt. Have the students share their completed belts with the class. See if your class can guess the story each belt is trying to convey. Invite them to compare them to traditional wampum belts.

2. Ask your students to imagine they are living in the world of *The Keepers' Voice*- 1862 New York State. Have your students write a persuasive letter to congress showing their support for equal voting rights for all people. Encourage them to use evidence from their knowledge of the Haudenosaunee.