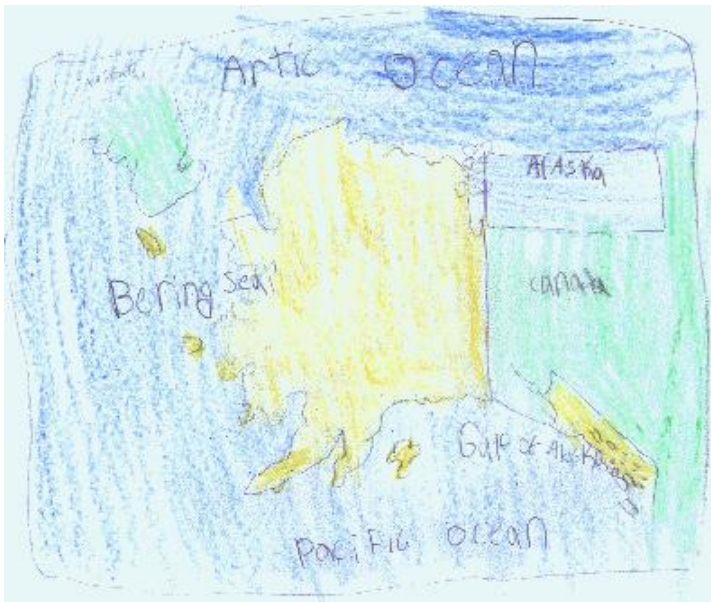


# The Tlingit Tribe

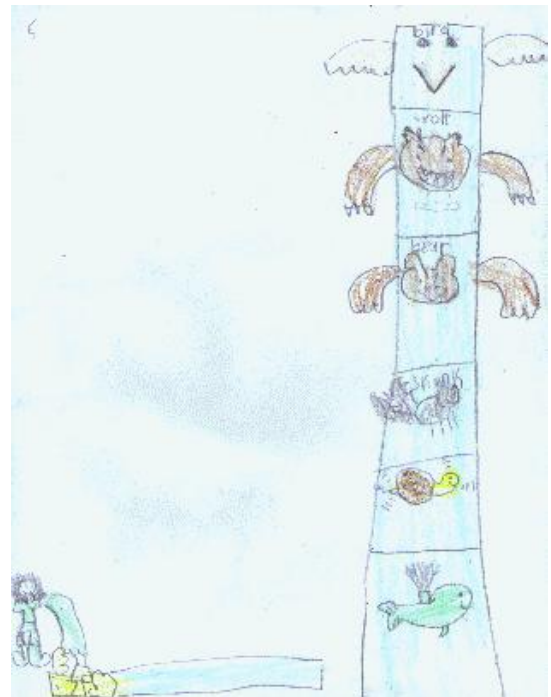
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**Totem Poles:** The Tlingit totem poles were really pretty because they were really tall, and on top there was a bird. Under the close-to-the-sky bird was a bear or a wolf. Then, close to the bottom of the totem poles, they had like a snail or a slug or a skunk. Then they had a sea animal like a whale or a fish. They made the totem poles with their bare hands or a knife or something. Totem poles stand in front of some Tlingit house. They can be up to 20 feet high, and they are very pretty. They are carved and painted with bright colors. Sometimes the Tlingits would have a ceremony after they raised a totem pole.

**Food:** One of the Tlingit tribe's main source of food is fish, especially salmon. They eat it cooked or dried. They would set up fishing camps in the spring and fall to catch salmon as they swam upstream. They would spear them or use nets and traps to catch them. Today they use fishing boats and sell the salmon to large companies.





**Tribal life:** Basket weaving and wood carving are big parts of the Tlingit families. They would use grass fibers and the roots of plants to make baskets. The women were very skillful at making baskets. They would use the baskets to carry items or use them for storage. Some baskets are woven so tight they are waterproof. The men of the Tlingit family would carve and paint items like dishes, tools, and weapons.

