



## EXPLORATION STATION: PICTOGRAPH PUEBLO

**Pictograph:** a symbol that communicates an idea.

**Petroglyph:** a symbol carved in stone.

**Code:** symbols substituted for letters in regular words; a code may have some symbolic meanings, but it isn't required for the code to work.

### To Do at the Park

#### DECODE AT THE PUEBLO

The Shoshone and Bannock people in our region did not dwell in pueblos, but they did communicate in writing using pictographs, just like the Southwest's pueblo-building people! Our building has a message in symbols: a code. Explore the pueblo... You'll find a set of symbols and letters on the western outside wall to help you. Can you match the symbols on the walls to their letters, and crack the painted codes on the rest of the walls? Write your coded answers:

Beyond a letter substitute, what idea would you choose to give each symbol?

### Keep Exploring at Home

#### Each One Teach One: Modern Pictographs!

Did you know that emojis are modern pictographs? Sure, a winky face can be a winky face, but it can also be a quick way to share another message. It's a symbol for an idea.

Kids, connect with a family member or friend and teach them the meaning of ten emojis. Can you teach them to send a message using only images to communicate an idea?



#### Learn More About It:

- ⇒ What can we learn from pictographs? <https://www.wyohistory.org/encyclopedia/pictures-rock-what-pictographs-and-petroglyphs-say-about-people-who-made-them> or <https://tinyurl.com/y7ubtx3g>
- ⇒ Learn more about pictographs around the world: <https://geology.com/articles/petroglyphs.shtml>
- ⇒ Read a message from historical Shoshone people: <https://trailtribes.org/lemhi/early-contact.htm>

### CONSIDERATE EXPLORERS

- Are mindful of others waiting to use the station
- Are friendly with other explorers, from a responsible distance
- Leave a space tidy—no trash, no debris, ready for others to enjoy