Waa’aka’: The Bird Who Fell in Love with the Sun

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Questions and Activities

1. The Tongva have lived in Southern California for many years, before the city of Los Angeles was founded in 1781. Learn about the Native American Tribe/s that are local to where you live. What type of structures did they live in? What materials were used to create their homes and how are they different from materials used to create buildings today? What do you think it would be like to live in this type of structure?

2. What type of nature surrounds you and the buildings in your neighborhood? Is there an Ehee, or giant tree full of acorns? Or a bright golden poppy? What kind of animals do you see in your neighborhood? Are they similar to or different from the ones in the story?

3. Are there buildings or places that are important to the tribe/s where you live? Visit one or more of these places. What can you learn about the people who used or continue to use these places?

4. When was your city or town founded? Who founded it and why did this person or these people do so? How did your city or neighborhood get its name? Share one unique fact about where you live.