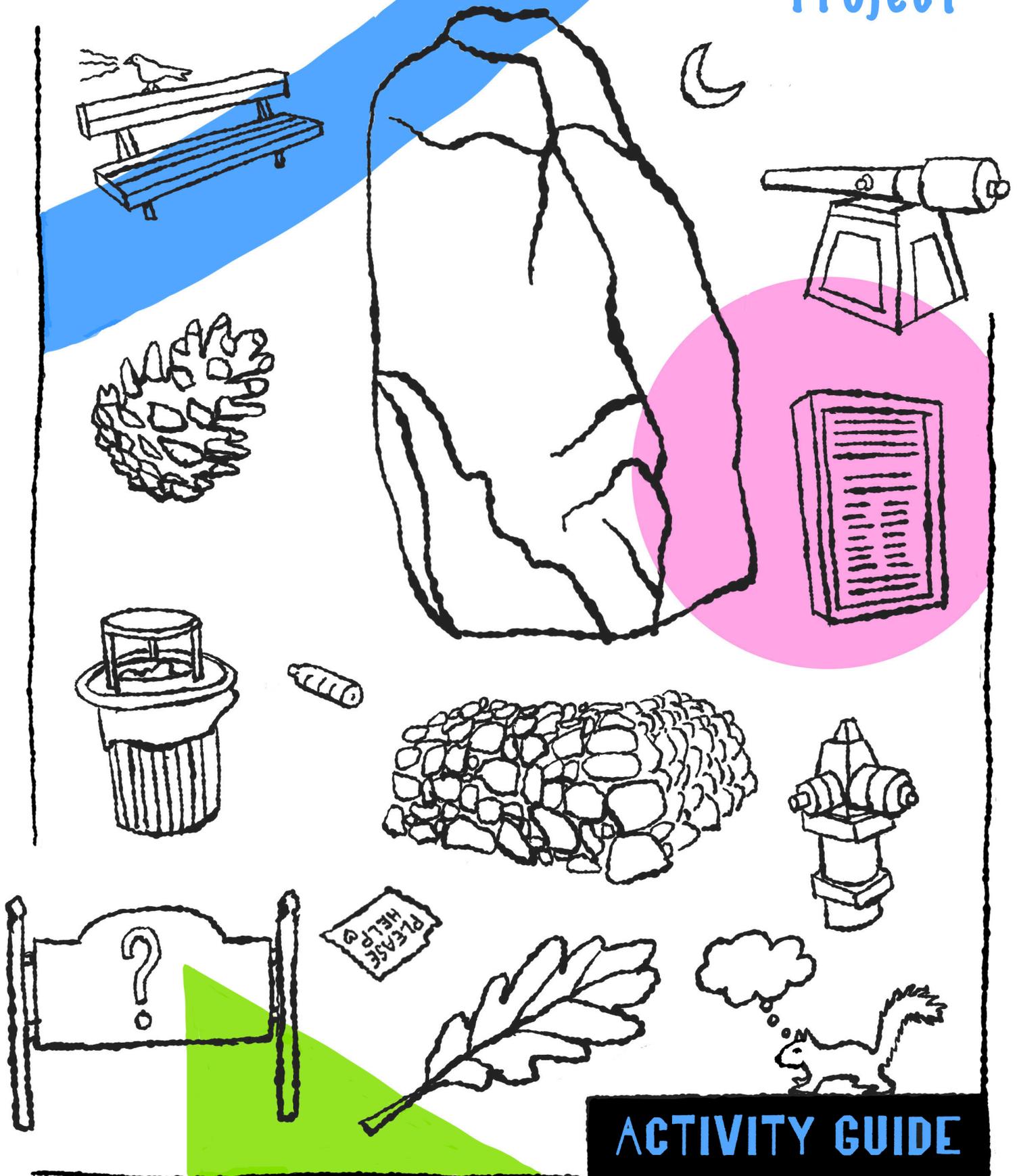


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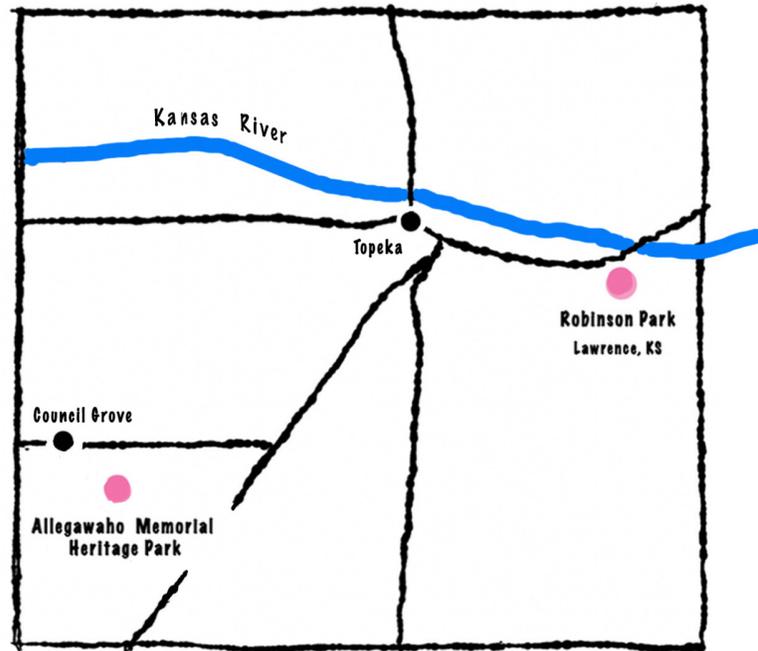


# About

## The In'zhúje'waxóbe / Sacred Red Rock Project

Phonetic re-spelling of In'zhúje'waxóbe  
EE(n) ZHOO-jay wah-HO-bay

Led by members of the Kaw Nation in collaboration with the City of Lawrence, University of Kansas, Spencer Museum of Art, Kanza Heritage Society and others, this project is focused upon the return and relocation of In'zhúje'waxóbe to the Kanza People. This red Siouxan quartzite boulder currently located in Robinson Park in Lawrence will be moved to Allegawaho Memorial Heritage Park in Council Grove, Kansas on lands owned by Kaw Nation. The Kanza have a centuries' long relationship with the Rock and value it as a sacred item of prayer.



## Robinson Park

In Lawrence, KS on the north end of Massachusetts St. just south of the bridge over the Kansas River is Robinson Park, named after the State's first Governor and superintendent of Haskell Institute (now Haskell Indian Nations University). In 1929, a large pink quartzite rock was erected in the park as a monument to the town's "Pioneers" and to celebrate Lawrence's 75th anniversary. The land that is now Robinson Park is part of the historic homeland of the Kanza people (Kaw Nation). The Kansas River served as an important route for travel and trade among Indigenous North Americans. U.S. demands to displace Indigenous people resulted in reduced land holdings for the Kanza, while eastern Indigenous people were forcibly resettled in this area in the 1830s-1840s. As a result, Robinson Park's land was part of the Shawnee reservation, but the Delaware people, whose reservation was on the north side of the Kansas river lived and farmed in closest proximity to what is now Robinson Park.

# How To Get Started

If you plan to visit the park, be sure watch for traffic as you cross the street. Bring something to write with and something to draw and color with. It may also be helpful to bring a notebook or clip board to use as a flat surface under your guide. Next, go through the guide page by page, using your knowledge and imagination to complete each exercise. When you're done, you can share some or all of your responses on our website [www.sacredredrock.com](http://www.sacredredrock.com). Completing all of the exercises should take about 30 minutes, but feel free to take as much time as you like!

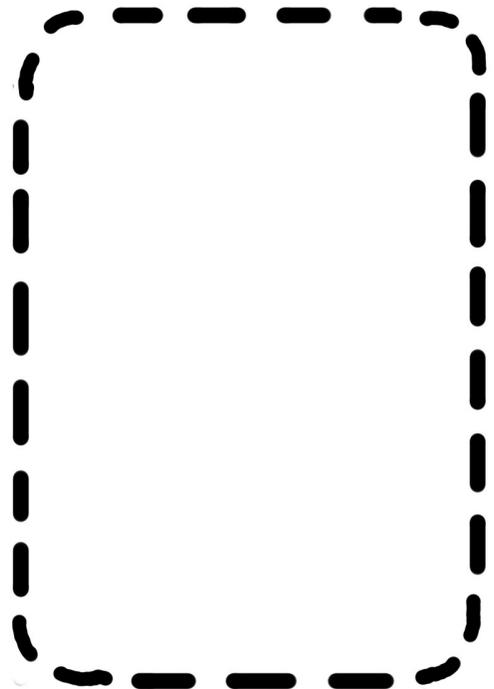


# Experience & Explore

Have you been here before? \_\_\_\_\_

Walk around. What do you see and notice?

What's missing?

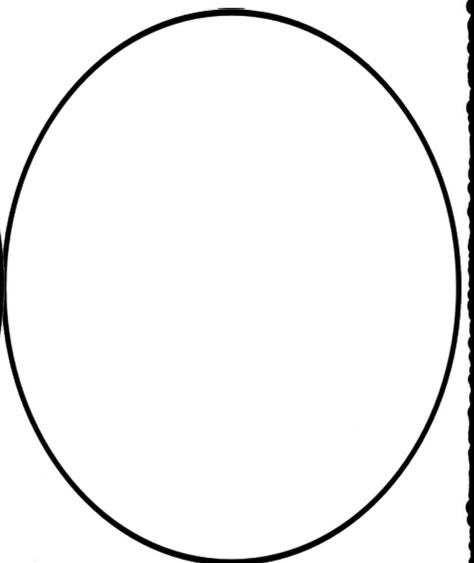
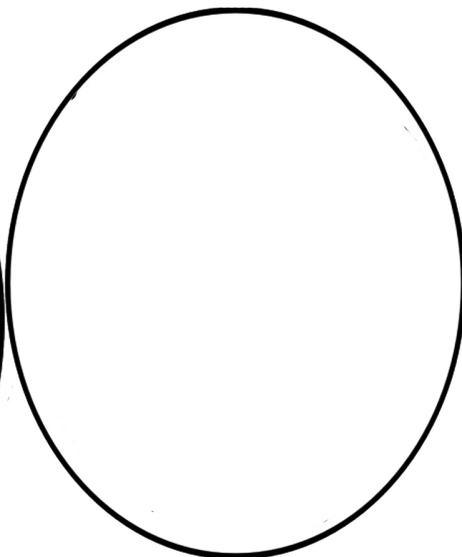
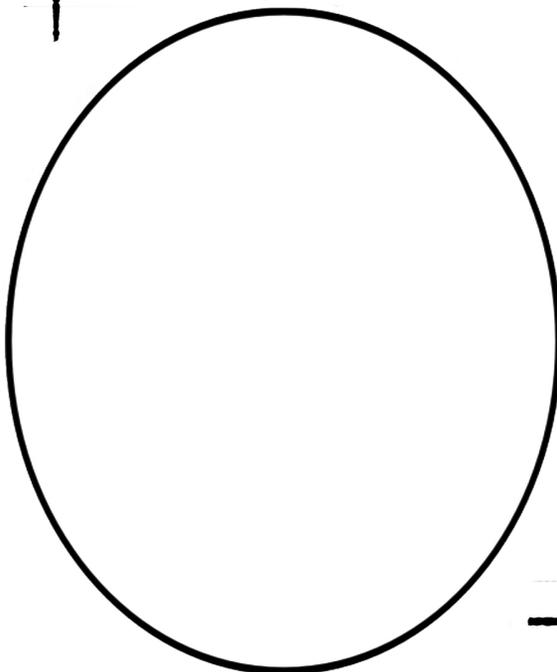


Sit for a few minutes. Close your eyes.

What do you Hear?

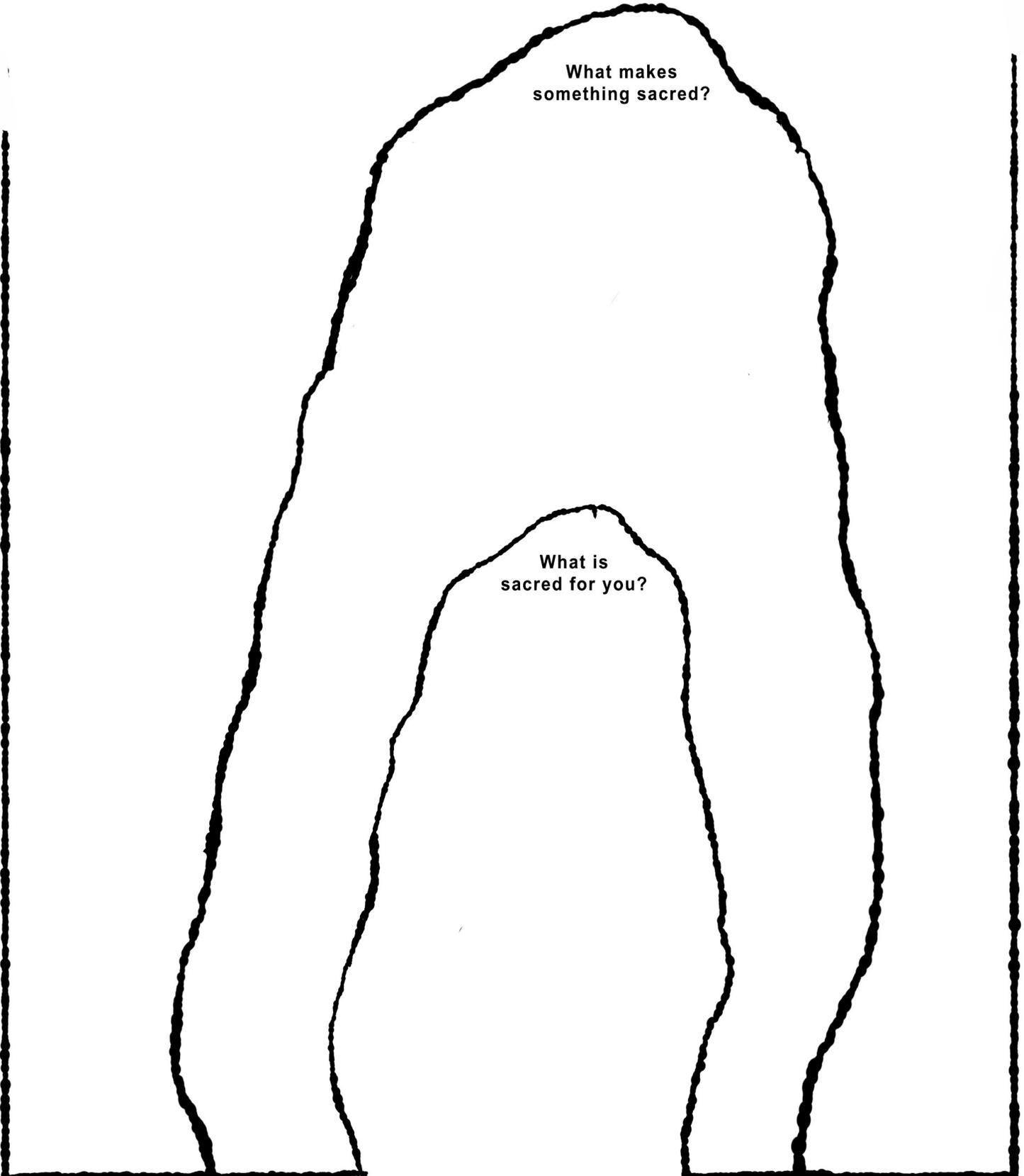
Feel?

Imagine?



# The Sacred Red Rock

under the surface



What makes  
something sacred?

What is  
sacred for you?

# Historical Plaques

Visit the Watkins Museum and examine the two plaques that were once affixed to In'zhuje'waxóbe and its base. What stories do they tell and who do they honor?

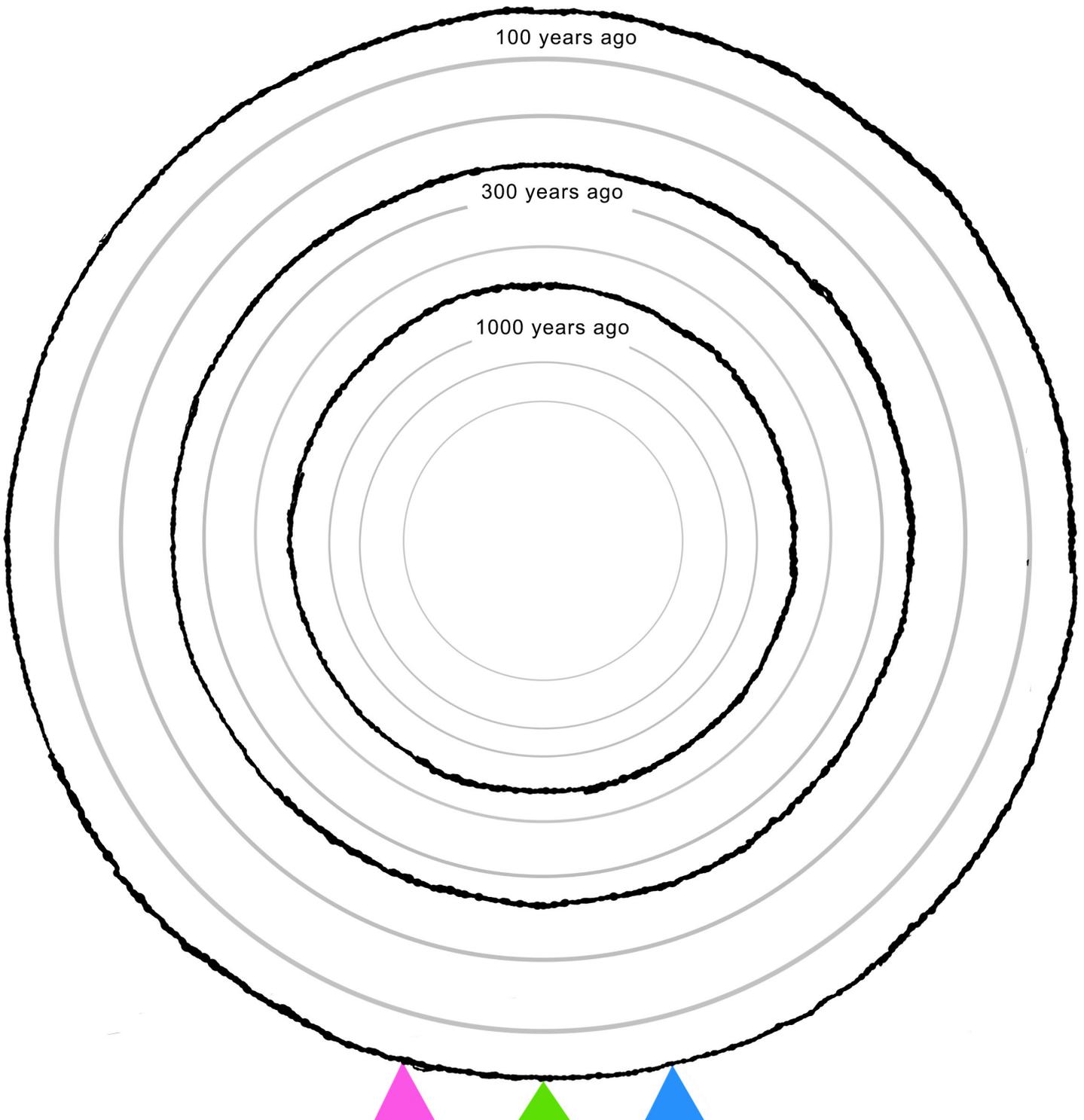
What stories are overlooked on these plaques?  
What peoples are left unmentioned/omitted?

In the space below, describe what stories and peoples you feel should be included if a new plaque is installed in the park.

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# Looking Back

Take a few minutes and imagine this place (that we currently know as Robinson Park) going back in time. Ask yourself, What was it like? Who and what lived here? What was it called? Who cared for or claimed ownership of this place?



# What's in a Name?

How do we understand and feel about a place based on what it is named?  
How does the "official" name of a place amplify some stories while hiding others? Consider the place names below. How were these names chosen, by who and are there other names for these places that you know of?

Kansas Lawrence Douglas County  
Pinckney Neighborhood Midwest  
Massachusetts Street Kansas River  
Free State Robinson Park America  
Haskell Indian Nations University  
I'zhúje'waxóbe

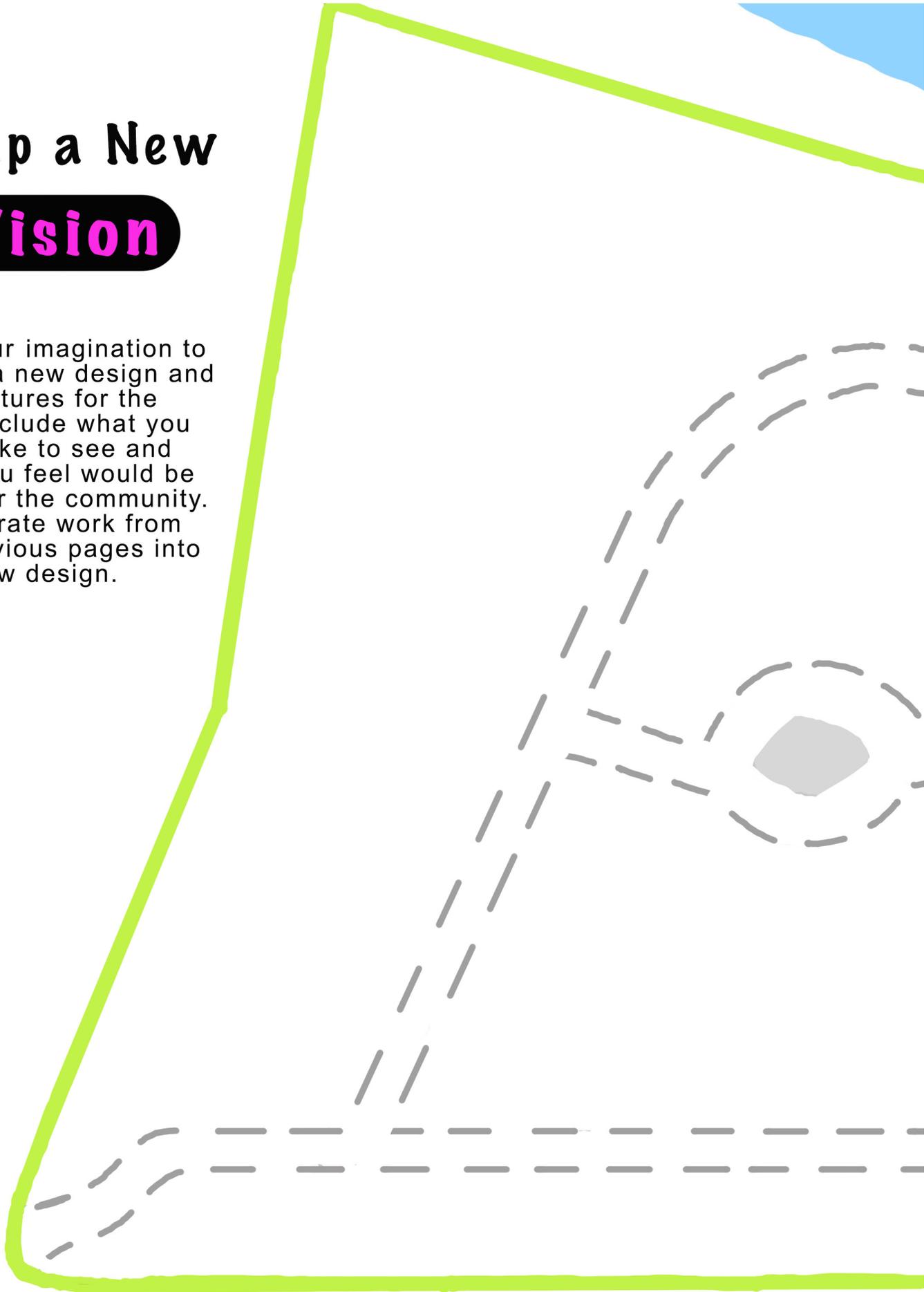
In this space, imagine some other names or ways to identify the place currently known as...

ROBINSON  
PARK  
Established 1860

# Map a New

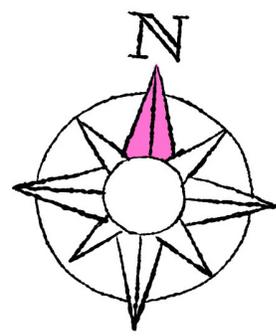
## Vision

Use your imagination to create a new design and new features for the park. Include what you would like to see and what you feel would be good for the community. Incorporate work from the previous pages into your new design.



← 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET

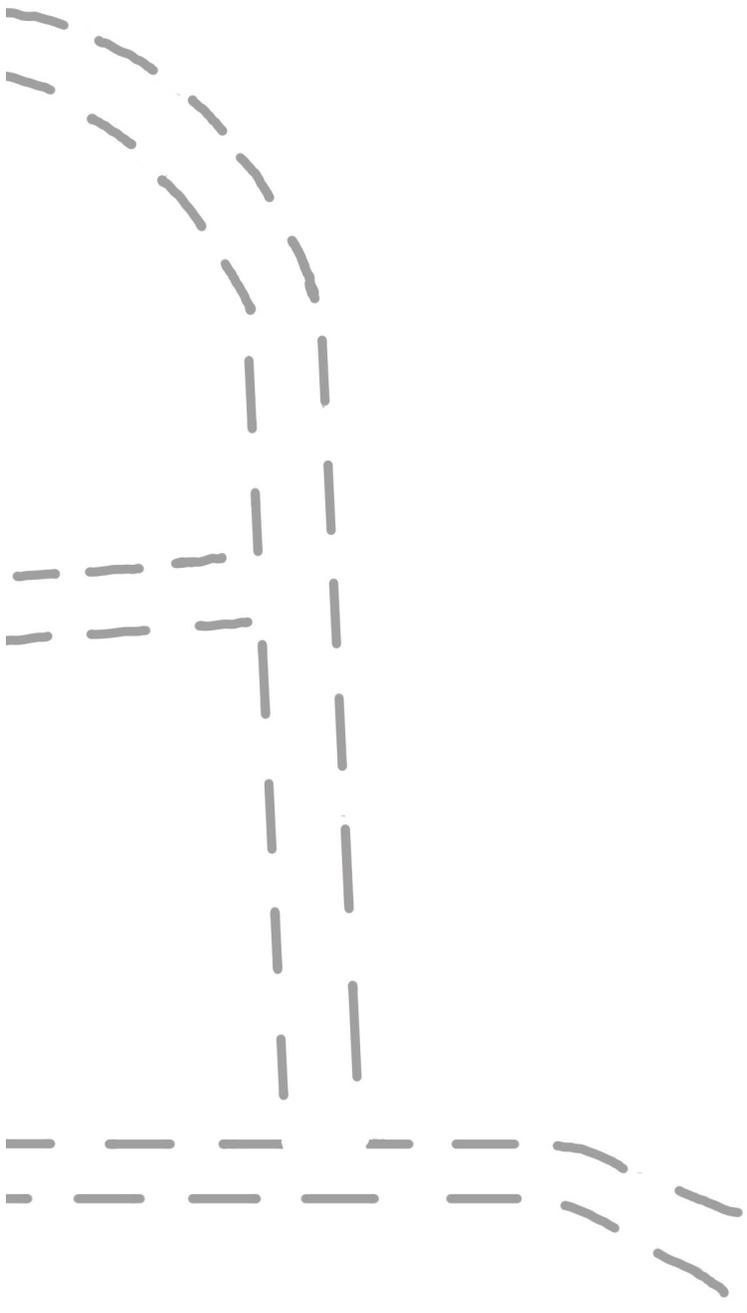
KANSAS RIVER



LEGEND

-  PARK BORDERS
-  KANSAS RIVER
-  FORMER SITE OF I'ZHÚJE'WAXÓBE

50' FT



# Placekeeping

After In'zhúje'waxóbe is moved, there will be a void (empty space) left here in the park. Imagine what could be created to fill that void. Think about what would carry on the story of In'zhúje'waxóbe and help recognize the many Indigenous Peoples who have and do still call this place home. It can be anything including art, nature, words or even just an idea.



## Reflect

Does this place spark memories or make you think of things?  
How do you feel being here?

## Question

What questions do you have about this place and the stories you have learned?

## Comment

What other things would you like to share with us? What stories or ideas did we miss?

# Thank you!

This Activity Guide was completed by -

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Share

Your participation is important to this project and we encourage you to share your completed activity guide with us! Email photos of your pages to **contact@sacredredrock.com** or drop off your activity guide at City Hall, Watkins Museum, Lawrence Public Library or Tommaney Library at Haskell Indian Nations University

## Connect

Keep up to date with our project and share your thoughts and ideas at [www.sacredredrock.com](http://www.sacredredrock.com)

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