

Weathervane Design

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Understanding American Art History

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Answer the following questions based on what you learned about weathervanes and their significance in early American design.

1. What did you learn about the significance of weathervanes in early American art?

2. When did weathervanes first appear in colonial America?

- A. Around 1650
- B. Around 1700
- C. Around 1800

3. Weathervanes often featured local symbols like ____ or farm implements.

4. Weathervanes were only used to indicate the direction of the wind.

- True False

5. Why do you think early Americans wanted their wind indicators to be beautiful?

6. What does a weathervane symbolize in a community?

- A. Utility only
- B. Community identity and creativity
- C. Only artistic skill

7. The Bible verse Proverbs 3:19 teaches us that God created the earth with ____ and understanding.

8. Weathervanes are considered functional art.

- True False

9. What kind of symbols might represent your local community in a weathervane design?

10. What skill did local metalworkers demonstrate by creating weathervanes?

- A. Artistic skill
- B. Cooking skill
- C. Farming skill

Answer Key

1. Weathervanes were important because they showed creativity and community identity. 2. Around 1650 3. animals 4. False 5. They wanted to express their creativity and show pride in their community. 6. Community identity and creativity 7. wisdom 8. True 9. Symbols could include local animals, historical buildings, or significant landmarks. 10. Artistic skill

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