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ROY THOMAS
(Canadian)

Painting Tomorrow's Dream

1997

acrylic on canvas, 48" x 36"

Gift of Sivertson Gallery, Duluth

Roy Thomas creates art to share the stories of his First Nations ancestors. He loves to paint and share his dream that all people will be kind and take care of Mother Earth and all animals.

Find the artist in this painted story. He is holding his paintbrush and is from the Eagle Clan. He has special powers.



See where he is looking. He is getting inspiration from the sacred turtle on whose back the world was created.

Do you have a sense of how the artist might have felt when he made this work of art?
Does it make you feel one way or another?
The title of this work is *Painting Tomorrow's Dream*. What do you think this dream might be?
What dreams do you have for tomorrow?

Find the things on the list below in this painting. What might they symbolize?

-birds, animals, fish (hint: Where do you find these different animals?)

-white, red, yellow, black colors (hint: think about different people)

-the turtle _____

-a red line _____

-a white line _____

-white hair _____

Read the artist's own description of his painting in the accompanying catalog.

