Haida Raven

Haida: (High-Dah) Native Americans who are from the coast of British Columbia and Canada. Haida art is distinct for its use of bold, thick line work in designs used in totem poles, other wood carvings, metal and weaving.

Raven: an important character in Haida culture known as a trickster and is incredibly resourceful and clever. The Haida name for Raven is Wee’ git.

Materials: pencil, black & red marker

Instruction
1. Look at the drawing of the Raven done in Haida style on the right.
2. Compare the drawing with the traditional shapes found in Haida art.
3. With a pencil, draw your own version of Raven. One way to begin is to draw a large oval with a pencil for the body and then a circle for the head.
4. Fill in the shape of the bird with designs inspired by Haida art.
5. Trace your drawing with black marker and then continue to color it in with red and black.

Take it further: Read, “How the Raven Stole the Sun” by Maria Williams or view the YouTube read-aloud on YouTube:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m-IHz5vuZZg

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