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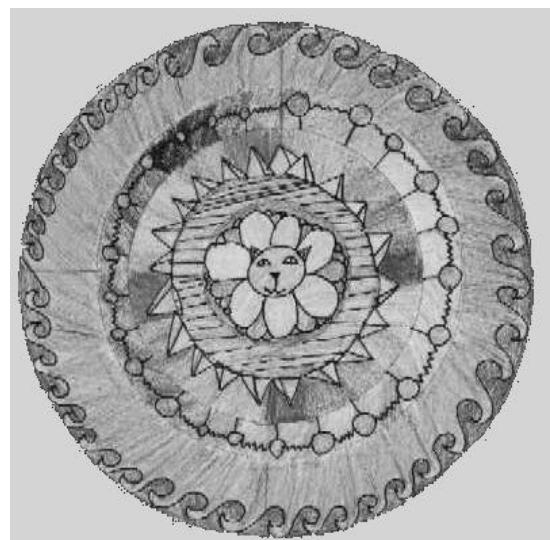
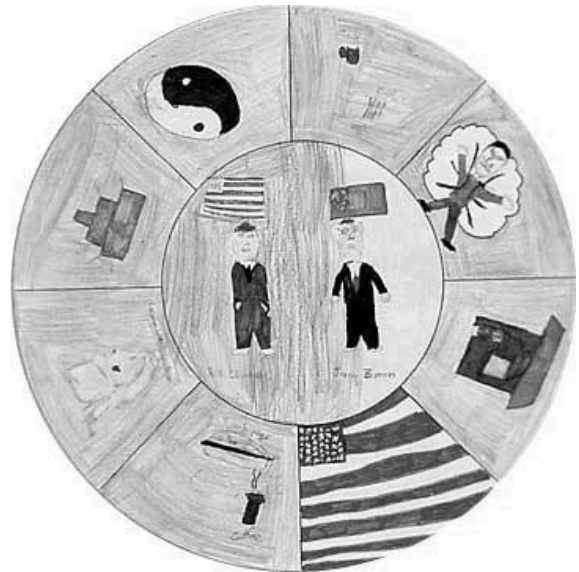
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Make a Mandala!

Mandala is the Sanskrit word for circle. It is used widely in Buddhist and Hindu religious art as a symbol of wholeness, peace and meditation. Its design can vary greatly, but normally there is always at least one circle drawn within the main circle. This circle at the very centre usually contains the central idea.. In this mandala drawn by a ten year old Chinese American boy, you can see symbols of world peace, the American flag and the boy's house.

Read what Veronica has to say about the Mandala she has designed....

"My Mandala is guarding my most favourite and precious thing in the world, a cat. The cat represents my 1-year-old kitten that was killed. The pyramids that protect my kitten are there because I read a book that said pyramids are tombs that protect the dead. The electricity outside the pyramids keeps nosy people from disturbing my kitten. The ocean is there to protect the rest of my mandala. The red sky near the ocean is the sunset."



Sketch out some ideas for your Mandala in the empty circles below, then draw and colour your design on a separate sheet of paper.

