
This source provides both theoretical resources pertaining to animal totems and human interaction with nature through a Northwest Indigenous lens. It also provide visual art sources on naturalistic form, representation, and composition. (Subject matter and visual art references)


The Deer Wars provides theoretical information on human interference and relationships to deer on the island of New Zealand in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. It provides further information on sustainability of the species, and how the deer population was perceived and used by the public. (Theoretical reference)

This biological journal describes in-depth scientific profiles of both the coyote and mule deer for theoretical use in my project. It also includes illustrations and photographs of live and dead specimens of these animals available for reference. (Subject matter and visual art references)


This source provides subject material on the interaction between predator and prey, relationships between animals without human interference, and behavioral tendencies of different sub-categories of mammals. (Subject matter reference)


The Diary of Frida Kahlo outlines the artist’s thoughts and process of art, along with resources pertaining to her style, use of color, and use of form to portray content. (Visual art reference)


This article investigates Romanticism in the physical world in depth, and over a range of cultures, historical periods, and genres of art and literature. It also gives me a better understanding as to what a **totem** is, and how this term is essential to my project. (Theoretical reference)

This biological journal furthers my understanding of deer, their tendencies, behavior, and life cycle. It also outlines how they have evolved into their modern forms, and why they exist the way they are. (Subject matter reference)


This biological journal continues my studies of both coyotes and mule deer from a biological standpoint. I chose to reference multiple biological journals to understand the animals I will be portraying to gain an unbiased perspective on them before digging deeper into the connotations and stereotypes associated with them in human culture. (Subject matter reference)


This volume of Dürer’s work outlines his perception and artistic style of the nature world. It has a focus on animal and biological studies, with many pieces consisting of animal profiles to refer to. It also outlines Dürer’s romantic tendencies within his art spanning over a variety of subject matter. Dürer is also one of my artist mentors. (Visual art reference)

This collection of Mark Rothko’s work highlights his use of abstraction and color as a way to convey emotional response and spiritual content. Although it is not part of the official Romantic genre of art, I feel that the heavy themes of the sublime and spiritual connection have relevance to what I am trying to investigate. His use of minimalist form and color in something I hope to incorporate into the background of both of my pieces to add depth and highlight the forms depicted in the foreground. (Visual art reference)


This photographic collection of Georgia O’Keefe’s work and environment in which she worked is essential to one of the perspectives of romantic nature I am trying to investigate: The American Southwest. It includes visual references of landscape, animal skulls, and other objects related to the content I am referencing. I hope to look closer into O’Keefe’s actual work as a reference for my project, but this helps gives context into what O’Keefe was trying to convey in her work. The deeply contrasting images of subject matter and form will be useful in my studies of her. O’Keefe is another one of my artist mentors. (Visual art reference.)