Wampum Belts
Grade 6
The American William James Sidis wrote in his 1935 history:

"The weaving of wampum belts is a sort of writing by means of belts of colored beads, in which the various designs of beads denoted different ideas according to a definitely accepted system, which could be read by anyone acquainted with wampum language, irrespective of what the spoken language is. Records and treaties are kept in this manner, and individuals could write letters to one another in this way."
Task/Assessment

Creating a loom out of cardboard and using pony beads, you will be creating a replica of the Wampum Belt.

Assessment:
E - On task, quiet in class, complete Wampum Belt. Follow instructions step by step instructions to use template to accurately create belt.

A - On task most of the time. Most of the time quiet in class. Wampum belt is complete, but did not following instructions to complete it accurately.

N - Was not on task. Disruptive in class. Wampum belt is not complete.
Task

Real Wampum belts were made out of shells, we will be using pony beads.

Today’s expectations:

- Complete Template
- Pick out Coloured Beads for next class
- Put all materials in a baggy with name on, ready for next class! (Materials in baggy: Cardboard, Beads, Template)
- Help sort beads by colour after done
- Tying knots****practice****important****
- Voice level down. There is a lot of students in one room, it is important to be respectful to the classes around you.
Examples
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Instructions

http://plbrown.blogspot.ca/search/label/wampum%20belts