**The Eagle Feather (waŋblí wíyaka):**

The Eagle… Master of the Sky and it’s feathers hold a special significance to most Native American Indian people. The eagle is of the strongest and bravest of all birds. Of all the birds, the eagle flies higher and sees better than any other bird. They are highly revered and considered sacred with in Native American tradition, culture and religion.

The Bald and Golden Eagles (and their feathers) represent honesty, truth, majesty, strength, courage, wisdom, power and freedom. To be given an Eagle feather is the highest honor that can be awarded within the Native American culture. Every feather touched is honored with great care and shown the utmost respect.

Indian Braves, warriors and Chieftains were awarded the Eagle feather for extreme acts of valor and bravery. Each feather was earned one at a time and were difficult to come by.

It is said that a warrior would rather part with his horse or tepee, than to lose his Eagle feathers. Many of the old Chiefs had earned enough honors to wear a double-trailed bonnet that went to the ground.

Native Eagle Feather Teachings by Adrian LaChance <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=flDnZmWyTaE>

Lakota Origin Story by Elder Duane Hollow Horn Bear <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MHbXk63wMTI>

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