



Impact Statement

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Peace Belongs Everywhere, 2026

Colored Pencil, pastel on paper, 12 x 9 inches

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Unsung Hero: Jigonsasee

I chose Jigonsasee because I found her story very inspirational. She was a respected Iroquois woman. She helped others who walked by her. I just loved how independent, caring, and respectful she was. I found her being the mother of five nations very cool, too. It shows how brave and trusted she is. Jigonsasee lived in the rarest places where warriors from different nations could sit in peace. Hiawatha (Peacemaker) heard her reputation and flew to her home. They talked business and since the longhouse had its “own seat” for each nation, Jigonsasee had the trust of many tribes, and the Great Peacemaker gave her the job to choose the men who would represent each nation. Her guidance and hospitality made her a key figure in uniting the 5 nations and establishment of the Haudensaunee confederacy. Her impact was huge and everyone loved her for that. She was an important figure back in the day and I hope I can share her story with many others and make her an important figure right now. I think someone like her deserves to be recognized for her wonderful reputation and actions.

Others thought she deserved to become the “Mother of Nations” since she is independent, respectful, and helped others that walked by. She would treat everyone the same. She would help warriors talk through conflicts. She was known by Hiawatha who heard about her reputation from far away. It shows how well-known she was and her impact on others. The nations came together and came to an agreement to honor Jigonsasee the “Mother of Nations.” She gained everyone’s trust and just overall helped others to get to where she is. She is a very inspirational woman who shows a lot of care to the community and to anyone. This shows she is very loving and the community gives her respect because she respects them. She is a very powerful woman whose impact mattered and was important.

I wanted my drawing to show and tell her story by looking at it showing a lot of details. I added the orange background to my drawing because the color reminded me of something bright because she is a bright person. I hope others will see it too. My artwork expresses her bravery, independence, and care through the headband she is wearing. The feathers represent peace. In every nation the leaders wear something with feathers since they represent peace, and it shows how she brought peace to her community. I used chalk, pencil, and color pencils while using the paper measuring trick. I used math to plot points to then draw from and make it come out exactly like Jigonsasee. I am very proud of my artwork and the techniques I used.

Jigonsasee created an atmosphere of peace among Native Americans nations. After hearing her story and how her impact was good to others, I will continue helping others and respect

people who walk by me like I always do. I will look out and help people do the same. If they do, I know they will be successful in life like Jigonhsasee. She brought peace everywhere and I will do the same to be respected like her. My hope is that others will see my drawing and read her story and look at her feathers and think of peace. Her facial expression shows a brave and independent expression. I also hope others will be respectful and brave like she is. I would really enjoy it if others like my drawing and get inspirational thoughts, effects, and dreams from it. I put in all my hard work, talent, time and effort into this artwork. I plan to show it to everyone and the world to get recognized for my talents.