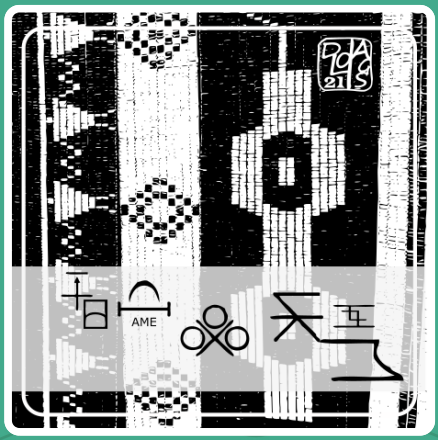


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Wampum belts play a vital role in certain Indigenous societies of northeastern North America. Composed of beads made from carefully crafted shells, they are not primarily used as clothing ornaments. Their function is above all political, diplomatic, and commemorative. The patterns woven into the beads record alliances, treaties, or significant historical events. Each design holds a meaning known to the communities that pass it down. The belts thus become veritable archives. They help demonstrate that material objects can serve as vessels of collective memory. Wampum belts offer a rich way to explore the concepts of narrative, transmission, and heritage.