Art Analysis Answer Key

What elements of design do you notice in the following painting? Elements of design include line, shape, colour, value, form, texture and space.

Morrisseau uses design elements such as bright colours and his shapes are outlined with thick black outlines. He uses a combination of warm and cool colours in this painting which creates contrast.

What elements of Woodland Art do you notice in the following painting? Woodland Art elements include lines of power, lines of communication, lines of prophecy, lines of movement, divided circles, x-ray decoration and colour.

Elements of Woodland Art include the elements of colour, x-ray decoration, and lines of communication and lines of movement shared in this work. The lines of power are evident and are connecting the beings in the piece.

What might be the message in the painting now that you have a better understanding of what each element represents? Based on my understanding of Woodland Art, this painting shares the relationship between humans and animals in nature, and the powerful inner spirit in all beings.

Based on what you have learned about Morrisseau's life, what challenges do you think he may have faced in creating and displaying art for a Canadian audience?

Due to the discrimination against learning and celebrating Indigenous cuture, Morrisseau had to create his own school of art to share his own artwork and Indigenous visual culture in Canada.