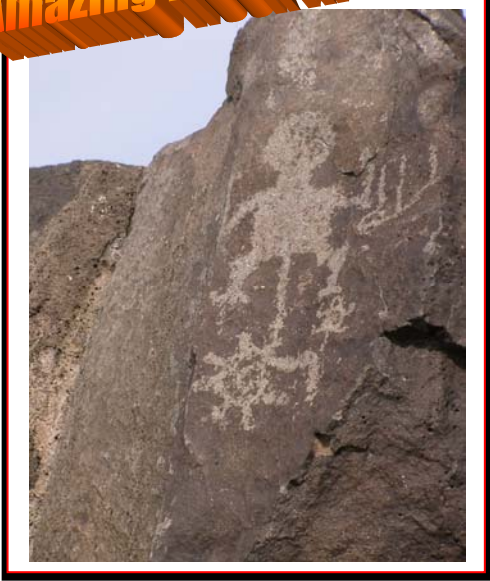


Amazing Rock Art



Petroglyphs

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Petroglyphs are images incised in rock, usually by prehistoric, especially Neolithic, peoples. The two main ways of creating the image was either by scraping (the more common) or hammering the outer “varnish” of a rock. The images were an important form of pre-writing symbols, used in communication from approximately 10,000 B.C.E. to modern times, depending on culture and location.

American Literature



Walden Pond

Walden by H.D. Thoreau

As I sit at my window this summer afternoon, hawks are circling about my clearing; the tantivy of wild pigeons, flying by two and threes athwart my view, or perching restless on the white pine boughs behind my house, gives a voice to the air; a fish hawk dimples the glassy surface of the pond and brings up a fish; a mink steals out of the marsh before my door and seizes a frog by the shore; the sedge is bending under the weight of the reed-birds flitting hither and thither; and for the last half-hour I have heard the rattle of railroad cars, now dying away and then reviving like the beat of a partridge, conveying travelers from Boston to the country.