

## Graphic Novel Abstract

The buffalo provided important resources for Plains Tribes in the American West. A common way to hunt these animals was through buffalo jumps. Buffalo jumps are when herds of buffalo are chased off a cliff, which kills or badly injures them. This made them easy prey. The Plains Tribes then harvested the buffalo for the important resources necessary for their survival. This process was highly ritualized and was a community effort. They would have celebrations after the hunt giving thanks to the bison for their way of life and everyone would contribute to the jump in one way or another. The class I am currently taking, History 2290: History of North American Indians covers the various cultures and communities of Indigenous tribes in North America. Artists, like Charlie Russell, have depicted North American Indian cultures in their artwork for many years. My project will focus on making a graphic novel using AI to illustrate the story of a buffalo jump. With images in the style of Charlie Russell's paintings, the graphic novel will depict the scenes or steps that are included in a buffalo jump while creating a narrative that will help to give a better understanding of Indigenous cultures in America.