Cycle 1, Week 3 – Mayan Glyphs
Ages 10-11

Materials:

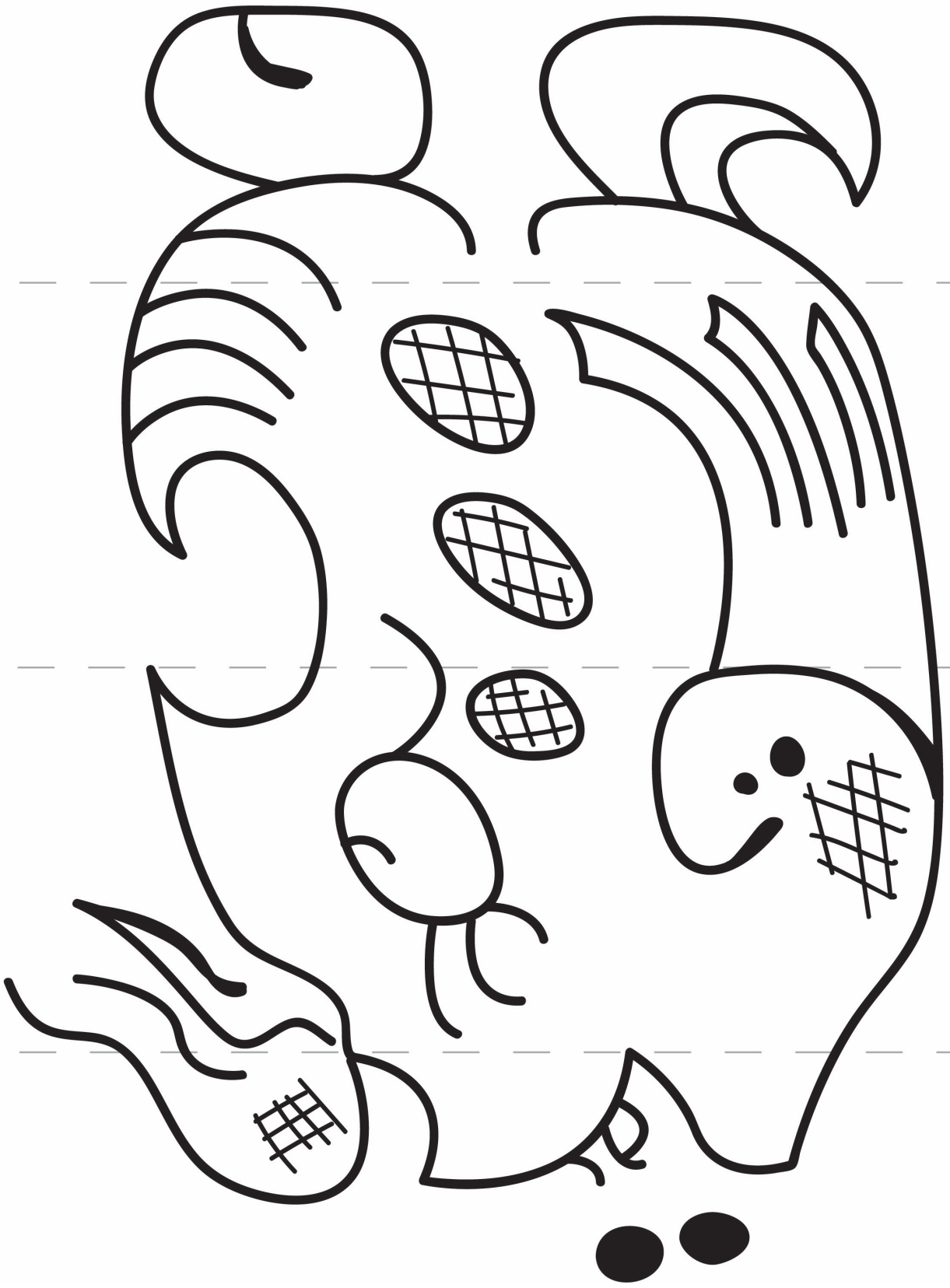
- Drawing paper
- Pencils
- Dark colored folder (or 9x12 black paper)
- Print-out of Mayan glyph
- Colored pencils
- **Optional:** Book on Mayan culture/glyphs or image of Mayan art

Note: Have the folder with the upside-down image inside taped on the wall or whiteboard before beginning the lesson.

1. **Optional:** Look at an image of Mayan art or glyphs. What kinds of lines and shapes do you see? Turn the image/book upside down. Now what kinds of lines and shapes do you see? (Hint: It's the same lines and shapes!) Is it harder or easier to draw something upside down? What do we need to focus on when we draw?

2. Begin by pulling up one section of the upside-down drawing in the folder. Have the students first study the lines and shapes they see. Talk about where lines begin and end in relation to the sides of the paper.

3. Students slowly and carefully draw that section in the top section of their own paper. Remind them to constantly look back to the image on the board! Walk around and help students study and complete the section.

5. Pull up the next section and repeat. Continue until the drawing is complete.

6. Use colored pencils to complete the artwork.