

One of the first autobiographies of a Ho-Chunk woman was created by Mountain Wolf Woman. When Mountain Wolf Woman was a child, she was very ill. Her mother took her to an elderly woman named Wolf Woman. Mountain Wolf Woman's mother gave her to Wolf Woman. Giving her daughter to Wolf Woman to cure her was both a way to help her baby and a way to honor Wolf Woman with a gift (Holliday, pg. 21). Wolf Woman then named the child a Wolf Clan name, Mountain Wolf Woman. Wolf Woman also prophesied that Mountain Wolf Woman would live to be an elder.

The Wolf Clan is one of eight earth clans of the Ho-Chunk. Wolf Clan members were soldiers and scouts responsible for warfare and hunting. Cut out this wolf puzzle and see if you can put it back together!

*Reference: Mountain Wolf Woman: A Ho-Chunk Girlhood, by Diane Young Holliday, 2007.*

