

Masks

Key Stage 1 & 2

National Curriculum area: Art

Length of session: 60 minutes

Maximum group size: 32



Session Outline

In this interactive session pupils consider why people wear masks and how they are used in celebrations, performances or ceremonies.

Activity 1 Why wear masks?

Pupils explore why people wear masks in Britain and around the world by looking at a range of examples.

Activity 2 Handling masks

Pupils handle a range of masks considering how character can be shaped by colour, material, shape and pattern.

Activity 3 Museum Search

Pupils look for different types of mask round the Museum. They select a mask to draw which they feel shows a particular mood.

Learning Outcomes

- Understand that masks can be worn for different reasons: protection, performance, celebration and ceremony
- Appreciate how the character of a mask can be shaped by colour, material, shape and pattern
- Support the development of pupil observation and drawing skill

Pre visit activities

Discuss why people wear masks.

Ask pupils to bring in masks which they or their family have worn.

Think about different emotions and how you can tell what someone is feeling from their facial expression.

Post visit activities

Research a local, national and international festival where masks are typically worn.

Make a mask from recycled materials.

Make a mask of yourself or someone you know. What colours represent them? What mood are they going to be in?



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