

Information for Taught Museum Session:

Masks

Hands-on Workshop

Consider why people wear masks and how they are used in celebrations, performances or ceremonies. Look at how character can be expressed by handling masks, investigating the Museum collection and drawing a mask.

Key stage 1 and 2

National Curriculum Subject Areas:

Art Know about craft makers: to improve art and design techniques

Length of session: 60 minutes

Maximum group size: 32

Session Outline

- Welcome to the Museum
Introduction to different types of masks and handling session (25 minutes)
- Key-ring activity searching for masks around the Museum (15 minutes)
- Drawing a mask in the Museum depicting mood, pencils provided (15 minutes)
- Plenary (5 minutes)
- During the session pupils will work in 4 groups and in pairs
- Please allow for extra time if you want to visit the shop, or explore the Museum further

Learning Outcomes

Aims

- Understand why people wear masks in Britain and around the world
- Explore how character of a mask can be shaped by colour, material, shape and pattern
- Support the development of pupil observation and drawing skill

Key concepts

- Difference between pretend and protection masks
- Masks worn for celebration, performance and ceremony
- Creation of mood in a mask

“I was very impressed with the workshop, all children were extremely enthusiastic and fully involved in the sessions.” (Yr 3 teacher)

“Your Museum is cool!” (Yr 5 pupil)



Pre-visit activities

- Discuss why people wear masks.
- Ask pupils to bring in masks which they or their family have worn.

Post-visit activities

- Research local, national and international festivals, such as the Lord Mayor's Parade, Notting Hill Carnival and the Chinese New Year.
- Make a mask. Collect stuff from home and outside to decorate the mask with such as cut up plastic bags, leaves, twigs or wool to create hair.
- Make a mask of yourself or someone you know. What colours represent them? What mood are they going to be in?

Booking information:

Booking is essential for all groups

We require a ratio of 1 adult to 10 pupils

Monday 12.00 – 4.30

Tuesday to Sundays 10.00 – 4.30

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Access is gained through the Oxford University Museum of Natural History.

Visits to this Museum must be booked separately using these contact details:

01865 282451 education@oum.ox.ac.uk

Facilities

- Lunch can be eaten on the Museum lawn or in the University Parks in fine weather. If you require a space for lunch please discuss this when making your booking.
- The museum is fully accessible to visitors with disability, with an adapted toilet and lift to all floors. A disabled parking space may be booked in advance.

The cost for this session is £100. By supporting the Museum with this charge you are helping us meet some of the costs that go towards running our educational activities and ensuring that we can continue to develop new and exciting sessions for schools.

