

Exploration into Egypt: Taking the Insides Out 2008 Arts Integrated Lesson Plan Contest

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Grade Level: 5th grade

Non-Arts Subjects: Language Arts and Social Studies

Art Form: Visual Art

Description: Students learn about Egyptian mummy making practices. Students create individual canopic jars to reinforce their acquired knowledge and vocabulary about ancient Egypt, pattern making and sculpture.

Resources Needed:

Visuals of canopic jars

Visuals of the heads of canopic jars depicting the four sons of Horus

plastic ketchup bottles

newspaper

masking tape

paper macher

tempera paint

brushes

Academic Standards Addressed:

English Language Arts: Reading Applications: Informational, Technical and Persuasive Text

1. Use text features, such as chapter titles, heading and subheadings, parts of books including the index and table of contents and online tools (search engines) to locate information.
2. Identify, distinguish between and explain examples of cause and effect in informational text.
3. Compare important details about a topic, using different sources of information, including books, magazines, newspapers and online resources.

Social Studies: Social Studies Skills and Methods

1. Obtain information from a variety of print and electronic sources and analyze its reliability including: accuracy of facts and credentials of the source.
4. Read information critically in order to identify: the author, author's perspective, the purpose.
6. Draw inferences from relevant information.

Visual Arts: Historical, Cultural and Social Contexts

1. Identify visual forms of expression found in different cultures.
5. Examine how social, environmental or political issues affect design choices (i.e., architecture, public art and fashion)

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Visual Arts: Connections, Relationships and Applications

2. Use technology to conduct information searches, research topics and explore connections to visual art.
3. Use artwork to communicate and enhance understanding of concepts in other subject areas (e.g., science, English language arts, mathematics and social studies)
4. Investigate the types of cultural objects artists create and their role in everyday environment.

Words to Know:

Ancient

Archaeologists

Armature

Artifacts

Canopic jars

Dynasties

Hieroglyphics

Horus

Inner coffin

Mummification

Pattern

Pharaohs

Preserve

Priest

Sarcophagus

Sculpture

Sons of Horus: Qebehenuf (falcon), Duamutef (jackal), Hapi (baboon), Imseti (human)

Tomb

Procedures:

1. Students use English language arts or social studies texts to explore how ancient Egyptians actually created mummies.
2. Students discover through their reading that a priest assigned to mummy making had to remove the vital organs (heart, lungs, brain, liver, and eyes) because they deteriorate first. These organs were put into canopic jars that were decorated to look like one of the four sons of the Egyptian sky god Horus.
3. Students discuss how canopic jars allowed Egyptians to “take the insides out” and how the symbolism of the jars represents Egyptian social and spiritual beliefs.
4. Students discuss sculpture and why it is important to pass traditions on from one generation to the next.
5. Students create their own canopic jars. Students will start building the bottom of their jar by wrapping a plastic ketchup bottle with newspaper, holding it together by masking tape.
6. Once the jar has been formed, students will start paper macheing with white paper over the newspaper. Coat two to three times (layers). Let dry.
7. Students will then choose which organ they are going to have inside their jar and use the appropriate god or head. They will form the head out of newspaper and again paper mache with white strips over the newspaper.
8. After everything is dry, students will choose what color to paint their jar and head.

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9. Students will then add details to their jar by incorporating hieroglyphics and Egyptian symbols into a pattern. Students will also paint the appropriate features onto the heads of their jars.

Internet Sites to Explore:

<http://www.nhbungalow.com/class/Egyptmuseum/artifact22.html>

<http://www.kingtutshop.com/freeinfo/CanopicJars.htm>