

Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will create a symmetrical paper mask using various paper textures while exploring the significance of masks in different cultures around the world.

Materials and Prep

- Colored paper (various textures and colors)
- Scissors
- Glue or tape
- Pencil
- Ruler (optional for straight lines)
- Reference images of masks from different cultures

Before the lesson, gather different types of colored paper and print out or find images of masks from cultures such as African, Native American, Asian, and Venetian masks to inspire the student.

Activities

• Introduction to Masks:

Start by showing the student images of different masks from around the world. Discuss their purposes, such as celebrations, rituals, and storytelling. Ask the student what they notice about the shapes and colors.

• Designing the Mask:

Have the student sketch a design for their mask on a piece of paper. Encourage them to think about how they can make it symmetrical, using shapes and patterns. Remind them to include elements they learned about from the cultural masks.

• Creating the Mask:

Once the design is ready, the student can start cutting out shapes from the colored paper and gluing them onto a base paper for their mask. Encourage them to explore layering different textures to enhance their design.

• Presentation:

After completing the mask, the student can present it by explaining the colors and shapes they chose and what culture inspired their design. This can be a fun way to share what they learned.

Talking Points

- "Did you know that masks can tell stories? They can show who we are or what we believe!"
- "Look at the colors and shapes of these masks. Why do you think they chose those?"
- "What do you think a mask from your culture would look like? Let's design one!"
- "Symmetry means both sides are the same. Can you find ways to make your mask symmetrical?"
- "How do you feel when you wear a mask? Masks can change our identity!"
- "Let's use different textures in our masks! What textures can we find in our paper?"
- "Every culture has its own style of masks. Which one do you like the most and why?"
- "Remember, your mask is a reflection of your creativity! What story do you want your mask to

tell?"