

Event: Festivals

Grade: 4-6

Subject: Visual Arts, Theater, Dance

SC Standard: Standard 1-The student will demonstrate competence in the use of ideas, materials, techniques, and processes in the creation of works of visual art.

Indicator: VA6-1.1-Identify materials, techniques and processes used in a variety of artworks.

Strategies: Students will gain knowledge on the history of masks and their use in cultural festivals by the use of art techniques such as slab building techniques and glazing to create a cultural festival mask. The students will perform, showcasing their masks during a Reader's Theater performance.

Materials: clay, glazes, clay tools, glazing brushes, raffia, beads, feathers, visual aids

Directions:

1. Show students references of masks throughout history and have them sketch their own idea for their mask.
2. Roll a slab and cut desired shape for mask.
3. Add newspaper or other armature to create 3D effect.
4. Use additive and subtractive processes to build facial features.
5. Allow to dry, fire, glaze and decorate.
6. As a class, write a Reader's Theater, assigning each student to read an excerpt. Festival music and dance can be incorporated as desired.

