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February 25, 2017 East High School

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
8:30 — 9:00	Registration/Flower Power	Lobby
9:00 – 9:10	Welcome and Introductions Bobbi Gillis, 2017 Board Chair, Memphis in May Susan Elliott, Director of Programming, Memphis in May	Cafeteria
9:10 – 9:45	Keynote Speaker- Juan Pablo García	Cafeteria
9:50 – 10:00	Transfer to Sessions	
10:00 — 10:40	Session One	Designated Rooms
10:40 — 10:50	Transfer to Sessions	
10:50 – 11:30	Session Two	Designated Rooms
11:30 — 11:40	Transfer to Sessions	
11:40 – 12:20	Session Three	Designated Rooms





Memphis in May International Festival Education Competitions









Bringing Colombia to the Classrooms of Memphis in 2017

While each of Memphis in May's education competitions are judged on differing criteria, every Memphis in May competition encourages a show of creativity and demonstrated knowledge of the honored country. Competitions are geared to specific age groups and grade levels, with involvement opportunities available for all grades. Competitions are open to all students attending public, private, or home school within Shelby County, Tennessee. Applications are made available on the Memphis in May website as well as via mass mailings to schools. Judging committees, comprised of local educators, writers, and artists, kindly volunteer their time to examine entries. Competition winners receive certificates and cash prizes at an awards ceremony in the spring.

PowerPoint Presentation Competition

6-12 Grade Students

Middle and High School Categories

Due to the interest expressed by middle school teachers and administrators, a 6-8 grade category has been added to the PowerPoint Competition! Allow your middle school students to learn about international culture and gain increasingly valuable computer program technology with this fun program.

The PowerPoint Presentation Competition promotes design creativity and allows students to incorporate what they have learned about the honored country through overall presentation, graphic design, and written word. This competition is a wonderful tool to acquaint students with PowerPoint, an invaluable program in the business world, all while exposing them to international culture. First, second, and third place winners will be chosen in two grade categories: 6-8 grade, and 9-12 grades. Entry deadline is Friday, March 24th at 5:00 p.m.

The competition is open to students attending any public, private or home school within the Memphis metro area.

Creative Writing Competition

4-12 Grade Students

The Creative Writing Competition promotes literary creativity and allows students to incorporate what they have learned about the honored country through the written word. Creative Writing Competition entries can include any type of literary, fictional or non-fictional work, including but not limited to poems, essays, short stories, plays, narratives, scripts and biographies.

The competition is open to students in grades 4-12 attending any public, private, or home school within the Memphis metro area. First, second, and third place winners will be chosen in three grade categories: Upper Elementary, 4th & 5th grades;

Junior, 6th- 8th grades; Senior, 9th - 12th grades.

Entry deadline is Friday, March 24th at 5:00 p.m.

International Paper Children's Poster Competition

K-6 Grade Students

This competition promotes the creative artistry of students in grades K- 6. Patterned after Memphis in May's Fine Arts Poster program, the student's work must depict some aspect of the honored country through the medium of drawing and coloring. One student will become the Grand Prize winner, and his/her work will then be printed and sold by Memphis in May as the 2016 International Children's Poster. The Grand Prize winner will sign and number 100 copies of the prints. Since there will be a limited number of signed and numbered prints, this lucky young artist's poster has the potential of becoming a unique collector's item. First, second and third place winners will also be chosen in three grade categories:

K - 2nd grades; 3rd - 4th grades; and 5th - 6th grades. Entry deadline is Friday, March 24th at 5:00 p.m.

For complete details and to apply: http://www.memphisinmay.org/education





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MICROSOFT BEST COLOMBIAN CLASSROOM COMPETITION

Grades K - 12

Rules and Information

Memphis in May would like to recognize the outstanding teachers that utilize our programs to integrate our curriculum into their classroom activities. Without the support of our teachers, students wouldn't have the opportunity to study a different country every year. So, we want to honor and thank you for supporting our programs. If you use any of our tools in your classroom, Memphis in May will induct you as an Official International Classroom and provide you with a certificate to hang in your classroom. The more programs you integrate into your classroom the better chance you have at winning the grand prize of \$1000. This is our way of thanking you for supporting Memphis in May because we couldn't do it without your help!

Awards

Grand Prize Winner – \$1000 cash prize for his/her school.

Memphis in May will induct all entries as Official International Classrooms and provide a certificate to hang in your classroom.

Entry Deadline is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 12, 2017 For more information, visit memphisinmay.org/education

ENTRY FORM

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Want to turn what you've learned today into \$1,000 cash?

Then you should enter the following Memphis in May Competitions:

Sedgwick International Teacher Competition

Now teachers have the chance to win alongside their students! Whether you always celebrate the honored country with Memphis in May, or whether you are considering incorporating Memphis in May into your classroom for the first time, this competition is for you! Memphis in May will recognize the teachers with the most outstanding "global classrooms," teachers who utilize international programming to supplement their curriculum and introduce Colombia to their students. The "International Teacher" Grand Prize Winner will receive \$1,000, and one Runner Up will receive \$500.

For complete details and to apply: http://www.memphisinmay.org/education







International Teachers' Conference Presenters

Keynote Speaker- Juan Pablo García

Session Presenters:

Kenna Chelsoi and Cesar Salazar- Colombia, Country of Musical Regions

Michael D. Miles, Ed.D- Exploding Frogs

Raquel and Susana Polania- The Happiest Place on Earth



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Keynote Speaker- Juan Pablo García

Saturday, February 25, 2017



Juan Pablo García began his career at MullenLowe Group's Colombian agency, MullenLowe SSP3, in 2007. He entered the agency as a trainee and now holds the title of General Business Director. He has worked throughout the Latin American region, spending time in MullenLowe Group's Brazilian and Spanish

agencies. Throughout his career, Juan Pablo has worked on a roster of clients including InBev, Unilever, Itaú Bank and some of the most important Colombian brands.

His most notable and recognized work has been done for the Colombian Ministry of Defense. He has led an ongoing peace campaign for the Ministry of Defense to reach guerrillas in the jungle, asking them to lay down their weapons and return to society. The campaigns, one of which was named *The Most Effective Campaign in the World* in 2011, have led to the demobilization of over 17,000 guerrillas to date and a progression towards a peaceful state in Colombia.

He and his work have been the recipient of the industry's most prestigious awards, including a Titanium Lion and Black Pencil, which recognize excellence in creativity, strategy, innovation and effectiveness. His work has crossed boundaries and has even been adapted for demobilization efforts in Uganda against the LRA (Lord Resistance Army) and also has shared that experience in different forums including TED Talks.

Session Presenters



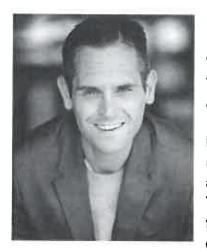
Kenna Chelsoi- Kenna was born in Medellin, Colombia. She attended EAFIT University, earning her bachelor's degree in Music, with a concentration in Violin Performance. She later came to Tennessee to pursue a Master's Degree from the University of Memphis. While at U of M, Kenna studied violin with Mr. Tim Shiu and was awarded an assistantship in the music department. Some of her duties included playing in the U of M Orchestra, Chamber Music String Quartet, Contemporary Music Ensemble and teaching Suzuki violin. After participating in the Memphis Teaching Fellows program in 2011/2012, Kenna became a Spanish teacher in the Memphis City School system. She is currently the Lower School Spanish teacher at Hutchison

School, a position she has held for the past 5 years. She is also a freelance violinist and a Suzuki violin instructor.



Cesar Salazar- From the valley of the Penderisco River in Urrao, Colombia, a small town 97 miles SW from Medellin, Cesar Salazar moved to the big city to complete his high school education and pursue his childhood dream of dedicating his life to teaching He graduated from the University of Antioquia with a bachelor degree in Psychology and from Latin American Autonomous University with a bachelor degree in History Education. Then, he spent several years in Medellín teaching psychology to high school and college level students while pursuing his MBA degree from EAFIT University. He moved to Memphis in 2002 where he embraced the challenges associated with the cultural change and

volunteered time to local organizations. Cesar is a Memphian by adoption and spent 5 years working with Shelby County Schools before moving to his current position as Spanish teacher at the Hutchison Middle School, where he continues to exercise his passion for education. Celebrating Colombia with Memphis in May 2017 is a great opportunity to show others in the Mid-South some of the many hidden wonders from his native country.



Michael D. Miles, Ed.D. - Dr. Miles joined Treadwell Elementary at the beginning of the 2017 calendar year where he is serving as the fifth-grade dual language teacher. He holds a BFA in theatre performance from Arkansas State University (2002), a Master's of Science in Education from Mercy College (2004), and a Doctor of Education in Leadership from Arkansas State University (2010). After years of performing as an actor in community and regional theatres, Michael became a teacher in New York City teaching public school in the Bronx. A six-year teaching career led to a five-year college administration career before he finally settled into gratifying work in the

nonprofit sector. Having founded a nonprofit from the ground up and having assisted other nonprofits grow and expand, Michael longed for the opportunity to return to his love of education and teaching. As though that isn't enough, Michael's love of writing and baseball has him spending his free time serving as co-editor for an online sports blog called Redbirds Rants!



Raquel Lourdes Polania- Raquei was born and raised in Memphis, Tennessee to Colombian father, Moises Polania, and Panamanian mother, Casta Polania (Palacio). Bilingual in both Spanish and English she studied Liberal Arts at St. Benedict at Auburndale College Preparatory School in Cordova, Tennessee. Raquel attended the University of Chattanooga, Tennessee and later graduated from the Loewenberg School of Nursing (University of Memphis). She is currently a registered nurse in the Surgical Intensive Care Unit at Methodist University Hospital, which is ranked Best Regional Hospital the Memphis metro area. In her free time, she enjoys full cultural immersion by traveling internationally. She recently visited Mexico, and is scheduled to

visit Spain and France in February of 2017.



Susana May Polania- Susana was born in Memphis, Tennessee to Colombian father, Moises Polania, and Panamanian mother, Casta Polania (Palacio). Both Casta and Moises migrated to the United States in their late twenties and lived a brief time in San Francisco before relocating to Memphis where they later met. Susana, and her younger sister Raquel, experienced an upbringing that emphasized the importance of preserving and celebrating these cultures. As pre-teens and teens, they spent summer and winter breaks discovering the islands of Bocas Del Toro in Panama, and experiencing the explosive celebrations of Carnival in Cali, Colombia. Continuing her travels to Central and South America, she began training under some of the most renowned Salsa dancers in the world.

At the age of 15, Susana was invited to join a local performing arts company, where she was educated in all styles of dance. She began her collegiate career in 2006 at the University of Memphis, and in 2007, was selected to join the 07-08 University of Memphis Pom Squad roster, a team which claimed the College National Hip Hop Title in 2006 and again in 2007. In 2008, she joined the Memphis Grizzlies Dance Team roster and later was one of six NBA dancers selected by the league to travel to Hong Kong as an ambassador in their global expansion campaign, NBA Madness. Along with teaching beginner Salsa and serving as the technique coach for Whitehaven High School and Olive Branch High School, she spent four years dancing for the Memphis Grizzlies. Today, she devotes her fulltime work to Varsity Spirit Fashion, the company responsible for the December 9th 2016 Executive Board of the International Olympic Committee's decision to provide provisional recognition to the International Cheerleading Union.

Memphis in May would like to thank ALL the presenters for sharing their time and knowledge of Colombia.

Session:

Exploding Frogs

Presentation and Activities created by:

Michael D. Miles, Ed.D.



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What is TEJO?

- Student Lesson

 What is the history of TEIO?

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 How to play TEIO.

 Players throw discs (golden, steel, metal) recross a throwing field into a hole some twenty meters news.

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What is TEJO continued...

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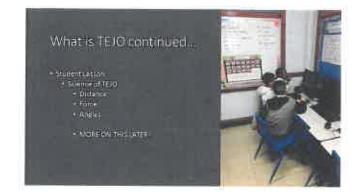
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Student Lesson

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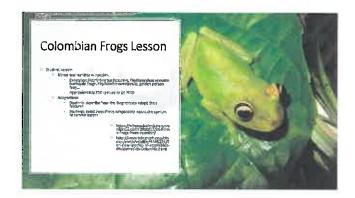
What is LA RANA continued...

- Student Lesson
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American Frogs Lesson

- Student Lesson
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 Adaptations
 Students describe how the frog species adapt their features
 Students detail how these adaptations assist the species to survive longer



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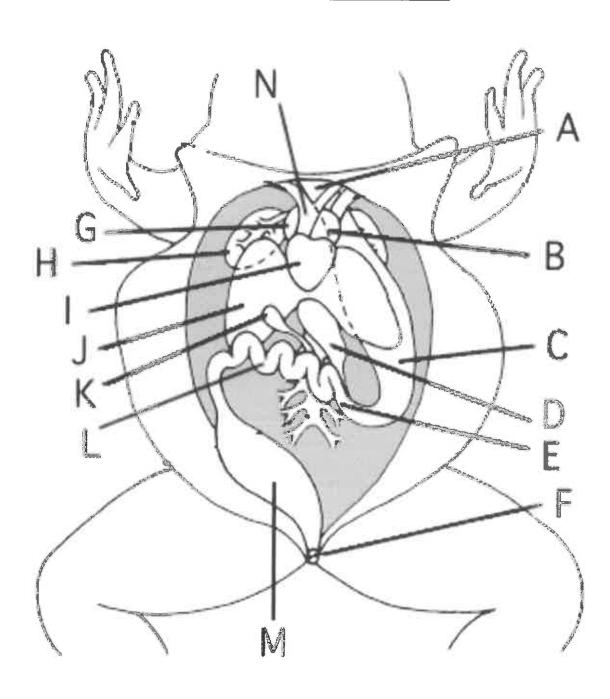
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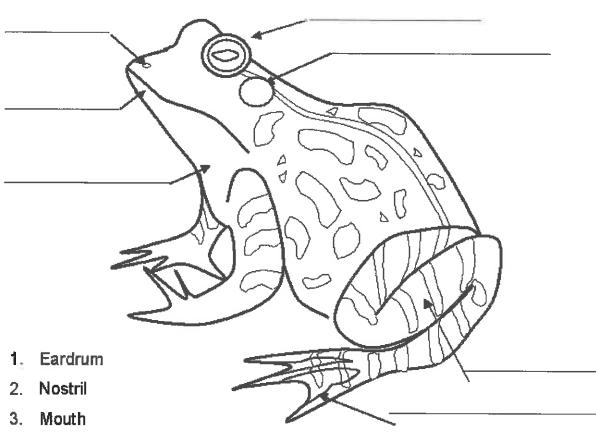
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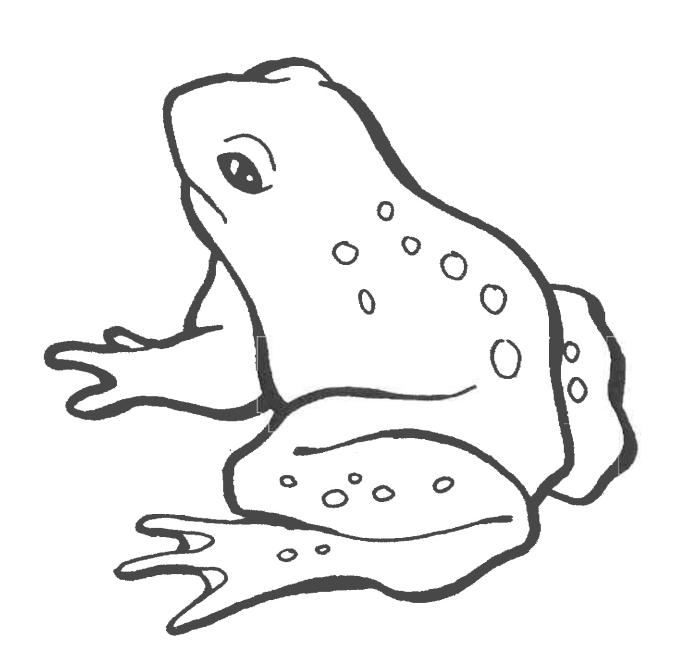
- 5. Webbed toes
- 6. Powerful legs
- 7. Eyes

Northern Leopard Frog: If you live in Canada this is the frog that you are most likely to see! The Leopard frog is also known as the Grass frog and Meadow frog. They are grass-green and covered in dark green or brown leopard-like spots with stripes on their legs. They grow to 2-5 inches (50-130 mm).

Frog Questions:

Choose a type of frog and answer the following questions:

- Where in the world does your frog live?
- Describe the habitat your frog lives in.
- What does your frog eat?
- What size and weight is your frog?
- What color is your frog and what kind of markings does it have?
- How does your frog protect itself?
- Describe three more interesting things that you learned about your frog.



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TEJO Y LA RANA

Graphing Assignment & Exploration

Using the game of TEJO and La Rana, collect data and create a graph of your choice that you believe best depicts the data. Some possible investigations may be:

- i) How many students in my class think TEJO/La Rana is a difficult game? (bar graph)
- ii) How many boys and girls like/dislike TEJO/La Rana? (double-bar graph)
- iii) Boys' predicted scores/girls' predicted scores (histogram)
- iii) My Class's scores (histogram)

Name

Quiz Biodiversity

Date



True or False? Circle T or F

- 1. When humans change the environment, some living things to do very well. T or F
- Environments are made up of living parts and nonliving parts. T or F
- 3. Since animals and plants on a farm depend on each other, they are considered a natural ecosystem. T or F
- 4. A dead tree is not an important part of an ecosystem. T or F
- 5. A glass of pond water can contain biodiversity, T or F
- 6. Golf courses are not considered an ecosystem because they are maintained by people. T or F

Multiple Choice: Circle the letter of the best answer

- 7. Which of the following terms is used to describe what happens when a species completely disappears?
 - A. Ecosystem
 - B. Endangered
 - C. Extinction
 - D. Rare
- 8. Which of the following are all nonliving parts of an environment?
 - A. Rocks, sand, and seawater
 - B. Silt, soil, and fungus
 - C. Algae, water, and trees
 - D. Meadows and grass

- 9. Which of the following represents biodiversity of species at a given scale?
 - A. Five foot strip of ground
 - B. Within five miles
 - C. Within five minutes
 - D. All of the above
- 10. Which of the following is the largest ecosystem in the world?
 - A. Tundra
 - B. Forest
 - C. Ocean (sea)
 - D. Grassland



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Answer Key

Biodiversity

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Session:

Colombia, Country of Musical Regions

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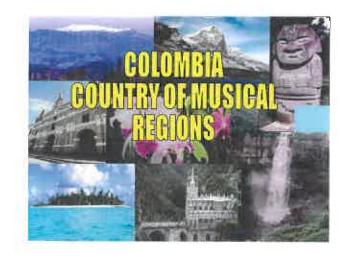
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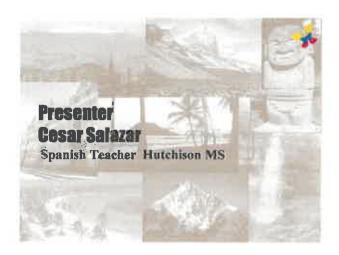
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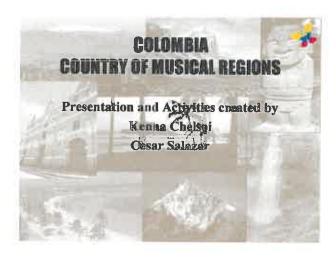










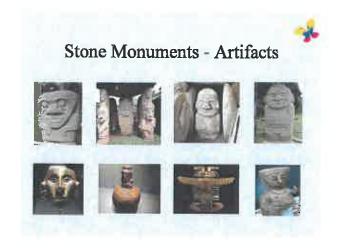


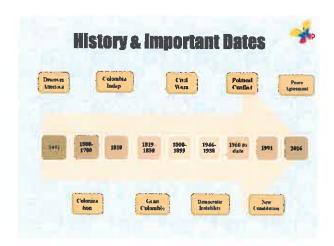
Colombia before Spanish Conquest

- Contrast with others Mesoamerican and Andean civilizations
- · Independent groups
- Settled in Andean Region, Pacific and Atlantic regions



	
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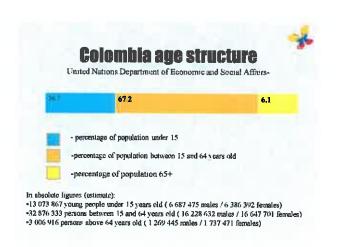












Country Of Regions

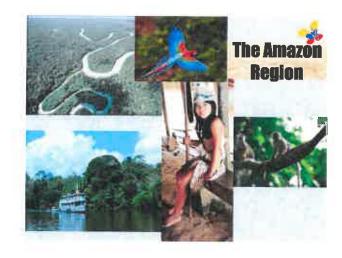
Five natural regions can be distinguished from particular climate and physical characteristics of the land and vegetation.



The amazen region: The rainforest



- A place of endless jungle
- High rainfall and humidity levels
- · Less populated
- People (Isolated communities)
- Great biodiversity



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Amazon Music Amazon song example.

The Andean region: The mountains The mountain ranges Most densely populated region 70 % population white — mestizo Mild and pleasant weather

(altitude related)







Coastal area and savannas Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta Full of rivers and hot climate Desert in the north





- Caribbean coasts of Colombia and Panama (Slavery late 17th century)
- Mix of the three races influences







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Caribbean Music: The Vallenato

- Popular genre from 20th century
- Three instruments: drum or box, the guacharaca or reeder and accordion.



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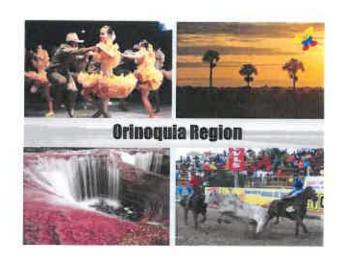
Vallenato song example.

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- A very flat place
- Race mix natives and European.
- Colombian cowboys land: The llaneros
- 7 colors river: Caño Cristales

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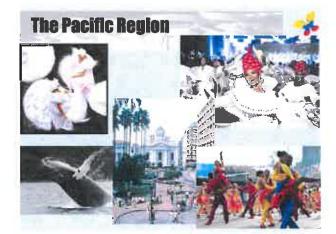




The pacific region: jungle and ocean



- Second least populated region
- Mostly black people
- Wild coast
- Heaviest rainfall climates in the world
- · Whale watching



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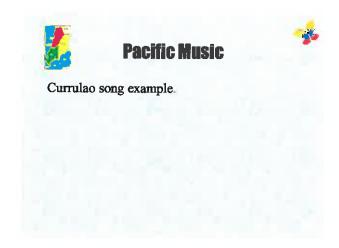
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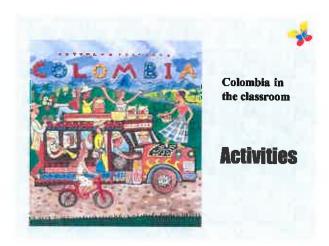
- African influence
 Melodies and harmonies
 European music and
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- The currullao: a rhythm which is dominated by drums and marimba.
- Music with lead voice and answering choir.

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Gallery Walk

- Each person draws or writes a word or simple fact on a pot-it about the region or regions that interest them the most.
- Then, they will walk to the posters spread out around the classroom and will post the sticky note on the correspondent region poster.



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- Number the four corners of the room.
- · Explain the rules.
- Play a Colombian music style.
- Students will walk to the name of the region according to the music sample.



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Students get a piece of the Colombian Map. They will try to add the piece to complete the puzzle. When adding the piece up, they will say a fact about that region.





Matching Instruments To The Colombian Regions

Each team will get a map with the regions and a set of cards with the instrument. They will place the instrument in the corresponding region.

Variation: there will be not only instrument cards but others with the names of the rhythms, or pictures of representative things for the region.

Students will find their teams

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Dancing the Cumbia. We will follow the teachers or video to learn the basic step for the traditional Colombian Cumbia.



Llamador Drum.

Using recycled materials we will make a "llamador" drum and then will play along the music. Some students can play and some can dance.







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Session:

Happiest Place on Earth

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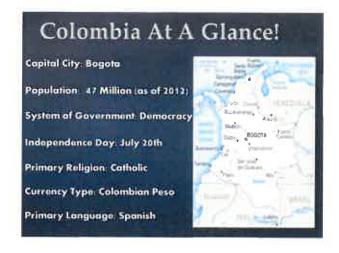


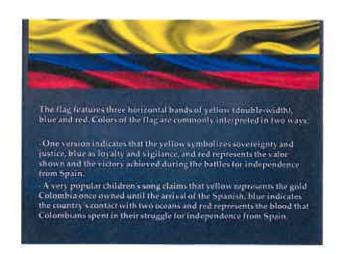








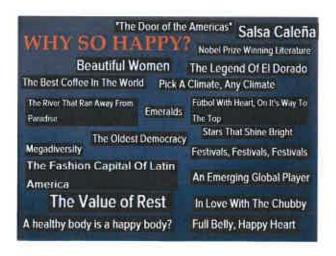




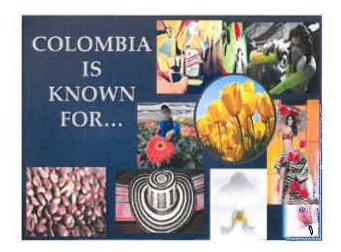


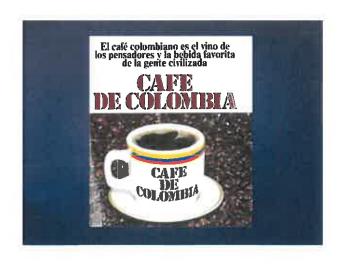






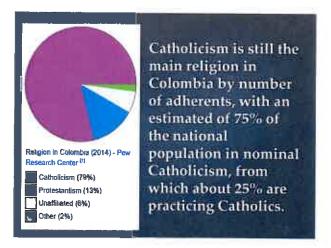




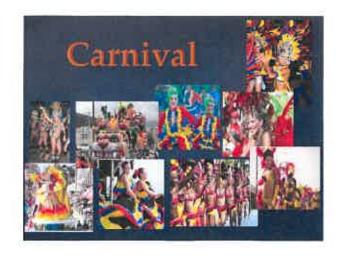


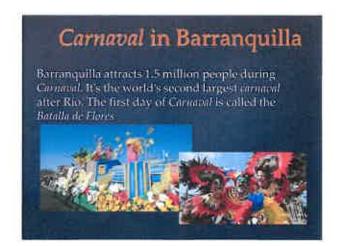
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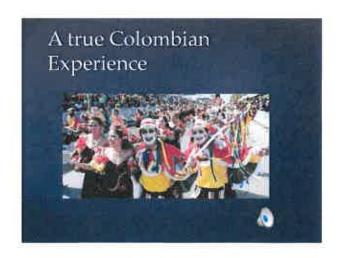




A little bit more celebrating... -Colombia is one of the countries with the most national public holidays, with some 20 days spread throughout the year. The Colombian calendar is also tilled with a large number of carmivals and festivals. - As a Catholic country, the most important celebrations are those held around Christmas and Easter time. December is the most widely celebrated month, with the very on-set of the month energetically celebrated in Medellin with fireworks and all-night parties.

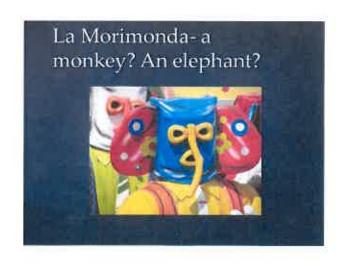












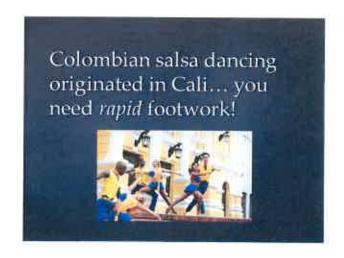










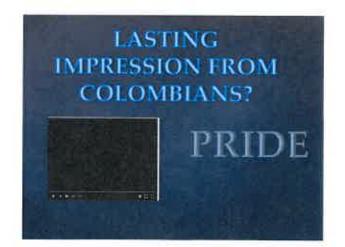


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Carnival Scratch-Art[®] Mask

(art + social studies)

Explore the history of carnival masks from various cultures, such as Mardi Gras in New Orleans, the Carnival of Venice and "Commedia Dell'arte" in Italy. Ornate and colorful masks are easy to create with Scratch -Art* Clear-Scratch* film and permanent Sharpie* markers.

Grade Levels K-8

Note: instructions and materials based on a class of 25 students. Adjust as needed.

Preparation

- Cut sheets of Scratch Art[®] Clear-Scratch[™] film in half to make 8" x 4.75" pieces. Will need one piece per mask
- Draw a mask shape on paper and cut out to use as a template. For demi-mask, use the pattern on page 2.

Process

- Trace the mask shape onto the matte side of the film lightly with a pencil. Extra features, such as ears, hair, antennae, etc. can be added to the basic mask shape if desired. Cut mask out of film (do not cut out eye areas).
- 2. Use the paper template to practice drawing patterns, lines, eyes and other shapes to give the mask character. Once the preliminary drawing is done, scratch the design into the matte side of the mask with a scratch stick, revealing the



Materials

Scratch Art® Clear-Scratch™ Film (13524-1030), package of 30 sheets, need 1/2 sheet per demi-mask, full sheet for

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Sharpie Chisel-Tip Markers, set of 8 colors (21383-0089), share one set between 4-5 students

Scratch Sticks (14907-1045), package of 100, need one per student

Wood Dowel, 1/4" dia x 12" (60448-1412) package of 12, need one per mask

Blick® E-Z Grip Knife (57419-2980), one or two per class

Optional

Krylon[®] Low-Odor Spray Finish (23710-1001), gloss, 11-oz can, need one

- clear plastic surface. Place a plain white sheet of paper beneath the mask while working, so that the scratched lines are easily viewed.
- 3. When the design is complete, turn the mask over and add color to the gloss side of the sheet with a variety of colorful Sharpie® markers. Allow a minute or two for ink to dry before picking up mask.

Process, continued

 Use a craft knife to cut two 3/8" slits, spaced 1/2" apart, on one side of the mask. Thread a wood dowel through the strips to make a hand-held mask, see photo at right.



Option

 To keep markers from rubbing off and remaining black areas from being scratched away, spray mask on both sides with Krylon[®] finish. Allow 15 minutes for the first side to dry before spraying the second side.

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National Standards

<u>Content Standard #1</u> – Understanding and applying media, techniques, and processes

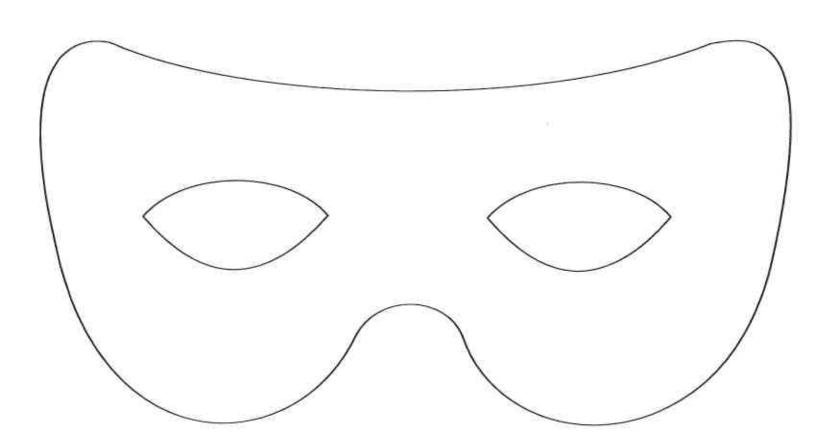
K-4 Students use different media, techniques, and processes to communicate ideas, experiences, and stories

5-8 Students intentionally take advantage of the qualities and characteristics of art media, techniques, and processes to enhance communication of their experiences and ideas

<u>Content Standard #4</u> — Understanding the visual arts in relation to history and cultures

K-4 Students identify specific works of art as belonging to particular cultures, times, and places

5-8 Students describe and place a variety of art objects in historical and cultural contexts



Demi- Mask Template, size 8" x 4.75"

(fits 1/2 sheet of Scratch Art* Clear-Scratch™ film)

Carnival Celebrations: Masks and Vejigantes Grades 3-5

This lesson is an adaptation of activities that appear on *Our Story in History: A Puerto Rican Carnival*, a website produced by the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History

(http://americanhistory.si.edu/ourstoryinhistory/tryathome/activities_carnival.html). The lesson also includes objects from the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian and National Museum of Natural History.

Learning Standards

These standards are achieved through guided work with the teacher.

Visual Arts (from the National Art Education Association)

 N-VA.4. Visual Arts: Understanding the visual arts in relation to history and cultures.

Language Arts (from the National Council of Teachers of English)

• N.12. Students use spoken, written, and visual language to accomplish their own purposes (e.g., for learning, enjoyment, persuasion, and the exchange of information).

U.S. History (from the National Center for History in the Schools)

• Topic 1 Living and Working Together in Families and Communities, Now and Long Ago: Students understand family life now and in the past, and family life in various places long ago.

Objectives

- To understand the Carnival tradition of Puerto Rico
- To explore masks and parade traditions in Carnival and other holiday celebrations

Key Concepts

masks, parades, vejigante (bay-he-GAHN-tay), Carnival

Duration

One or two 45-minute classes (depending on whether you do extension activity)

Materials and Reproducibles

- "Carnival Costume and Masks" set of images (link: mask 1, mask 2, mask 3, mask 4, mask 5, costume)
- Virtual reality files (link: mask 3_vr.mov, mask 4_vr.mov)
- "Costume and Masks" graphic organizer (link)
- "Carnival Images and Information" document (link)
- Vejigante Masquerader by Lulu Delacre (book)
- "Make Your Own Carnival Mask" guide (http://americanhistory.si.edu/ourstoryinhistory/tryathome/pdf/carnival mask.pdf)

Background Information (for the teacher)

Carnivals are of ancient origin and virtually all peoples in all eras have organized carnivals to mark or celebrate different events. Carnivals can be magical, political, satirical, or purely entertaining; some even poke fun at death. In much of Puerto Rico, and other parts of the world with a strong Roman Catholic presence, Carnival has a special meaning. It refers to the last days before Lent. In Puerto Rico, Carnival begins on February 2 and lasts until Ash Wednesday, which is forty days before Easter.

In many carnivals, masks are key ingredients of the public spectacle. The prominence of masquerading devils during Carnival is understood by many as an ancient reference to the contest between good and evil. Although introduced by Spanish settlers, the customs of the island's carnival, like mask making, music, and public performance, have developed into uniquely Puerto Rican traditions that also reflect the customs and sensibilities of Puerto Rico's African ancestry.

A person dressed up for the Ponce Carnival in Puerto Rico is called a *vejigante* (bay-he-GAHN-tay). The job of a *vejigante* is to scare people, much like dressing up as a scary monster for Halloween. The *vejigante* swats children with a *vejiga* (bay-HE-gah), a cow's bladder that has been dried and blown-up like a balloon. Every *vejigante* needs a carnival mask. The masks used at the Ponce Carnival are made of papier-maché. Each mask is made into a scary or devilish shape, and decorated with bright colors, horns, and playful designs. Costumes are one-piece coveralls made out of bright cloth. Many of the costumes are made with the colors of the Spanish flag and the town of Ponce. Yellow and red are the colors of the Spanish flag, and black and red are the colors of the town of Ponce.

Part One Accessing prior knowledge

Lead a class discussion of masks by asking the questions below. You might first show the "Carnival Costume and Masks" set of images (link: mask 1, mask 2, mask 3, mask 4, mask 5, costume), or you might simply begin by asking if any of the children have ever made or worn masks.

- What is included in a parade?
- Who participates? Who watches?
- What special characters have the students seen? (Clowns, float characters, etc.)
- How are the characters dressed? Do the characters have special masks as part of their costumes?
- What are some of the sounds of a parade? (Music, drumming, sirens, etc.)
- What kinds of food are eaten? (Candy, popcorn, etc.)
- Where do parades take place?
- Most importantly, why do people hold parades? (To mark a holiday, celebrate with family and community, etc.)

Part Two Examining the costume and masks

1. Present the "Carnival Costume and Masks" set of images (link: mask 1, mask 2, mask 3, mask 4, mask 5, costume). Ask students to describe what they see and how the masks make them feel. As a class, generate a list of descriptive words. Do these masks look familiar to the students? Do they look old? Are they scary? Can the students guess what the masks are made of? Can they guess how and when these masks might have been worn?

If you have computer access and projection capabilities in the classroom, enrich the discussion by showing the two "virtual reality" files. You can turn the masks to see them from all angles. (link: mask 3 vr.mov, mask 4 vr.mov).

- 2. As a class, record students' responses in the top sections of the "Costume and Masks" graphic organizer (link). Note that the important part of this exercise is *looking*, not knowing the right answer.
- 3. Follow up the discussion by sharing the information on the costume and masks from the "Carnival Images and Information" document (link). Look at the image *Vejigantes on the Street* in the same document. Do the students' opinions of the objects change? Were they able to guess the materials? Did they connect the objects to holidays or parades? You may want to rewrite the top sections of the graphic organizer to reflect the class's updated answers.

Part Three Read aloud

- 1. Read aloud Vejigante Masquerader.
- 2. Look specifically at the masks and costumes in the book. Return to the "Costume and Masks" graphic organizer and compare the objects in the book to those that the students have examined. As a group, choose one mask and one costume in the book and fill in the last rows with the students' descriptions.
- 3. Post-reading discussion:
- What is a *vejigante?* (Here you can discuss the physical description of the *vejigante* as well as his central role in Carnival.)
- Why is it important for Ramón to have his own *vejigante* mask and costume?
- How are Ramón's vejigante mask and costume connected to his family and community traditions?

Part Four Concluding or extension activity

Have students use the "Make Your Own Carnival Mask" guide
 (http://americanhistory.si.edu/ourstoryinhistory/tryathome/pdf/carnival_mask.pdf)
 to create their own Carnival masks.

2. Ask students to show their masks to the class and to share the reasons they made them the way they did. Are the masks connected to any family or community tradition?

For Further Reading

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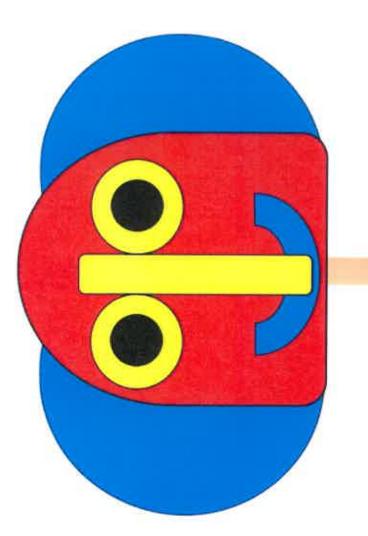
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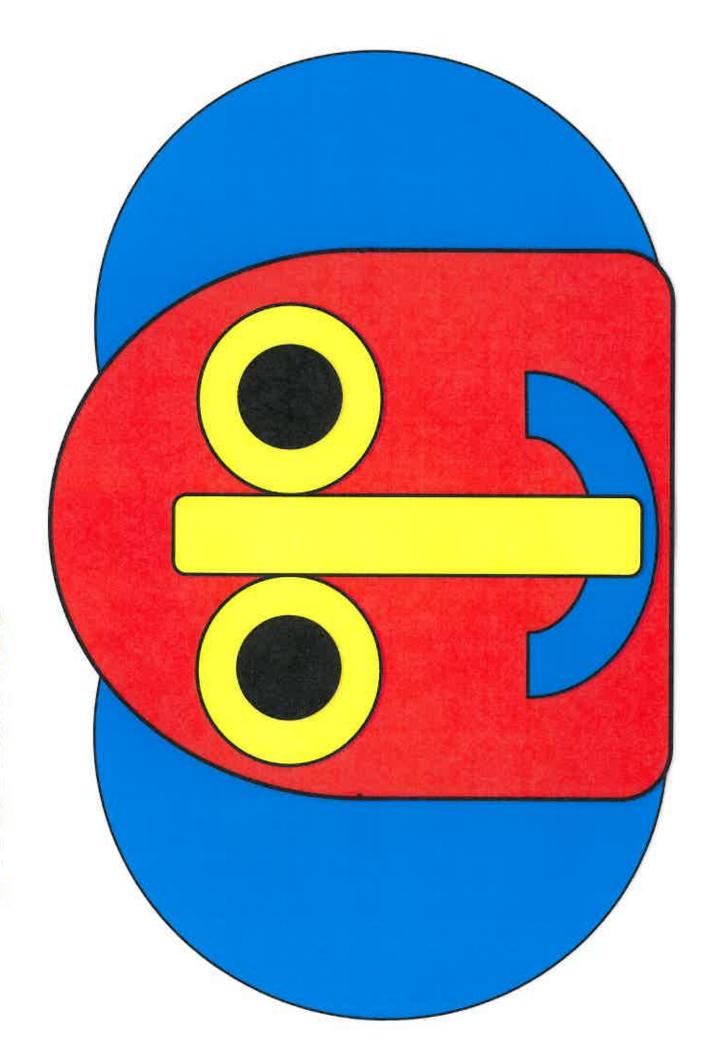
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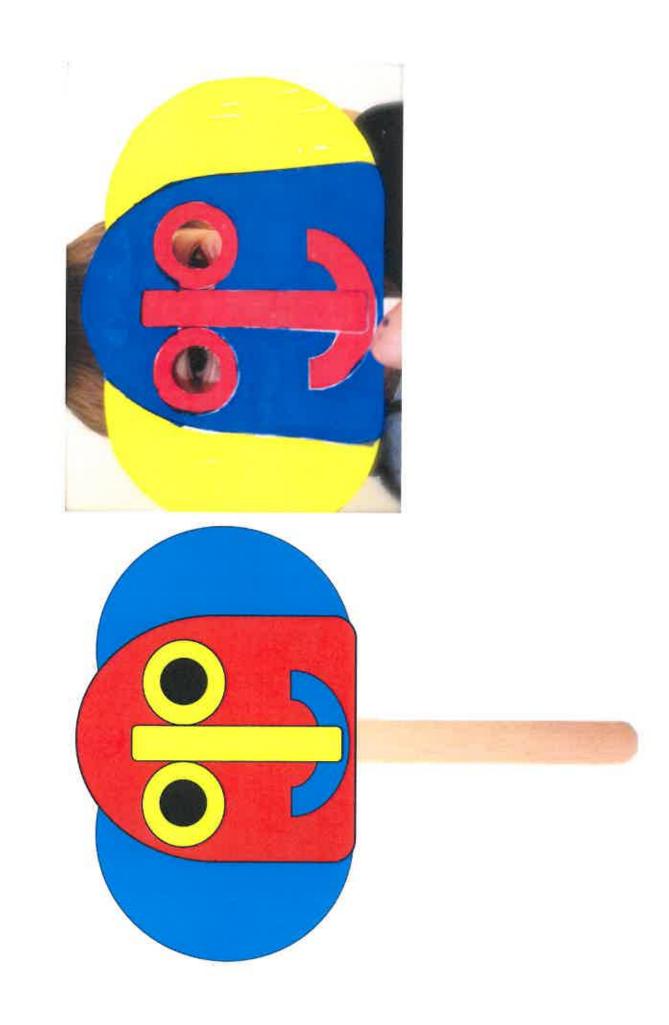
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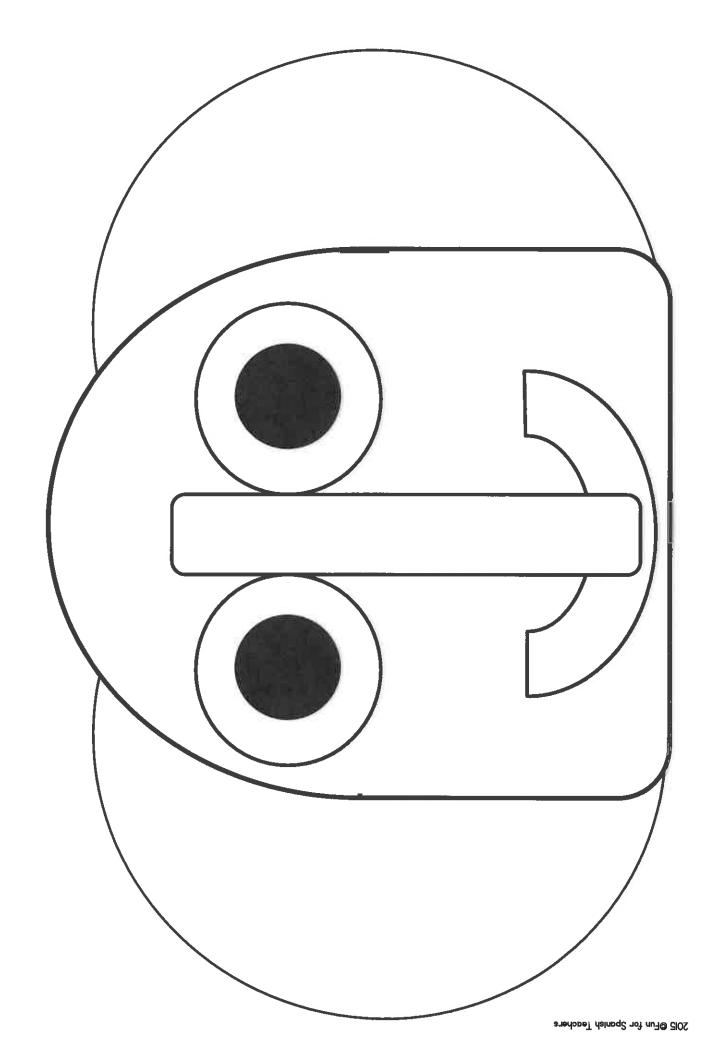
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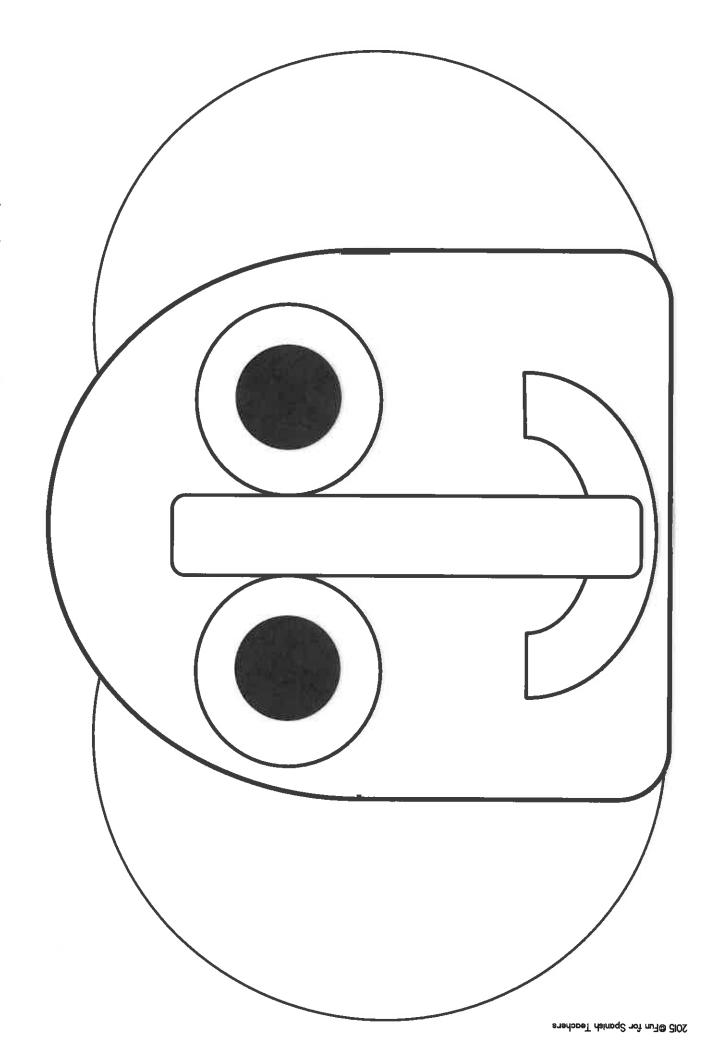




Crea tu propia máscara: colorea, recorta y pega sobre un palito.



Create your own mask: color, cut out and glue on a popsicle stick.



Memphis in May: Colombia





Grade Level: K-2

Materials:

5" Canvas Drawstring Bags

Rulers

Pencil

Fabric Markers



About Colombia:

The Republic of Colombia is situated within South America and is a vibrant and diverse destination. Colombia boasts mountains, grasslands, deserts, beaches, and rainforests. Colombia is known for producing coffee, emeralds, and many beautiful handicrafts made by indigenous people. It is the fifth largest country in Latin America and has a long history of democracy much like the United States. Colombia is home to a wide variety of plants, animals, and birds.

About Wayuu People/Mochilas

The Wayuu people are an indigenous group who live on the north coast of Colombia. One of the most important components within Wayuu culture is making mochilas, or bags. Wayuu women are responsible for making these mochilas and mothers teach their daughters how to crochet and weave from a very early age. To the Wayuu, weaving is a symbol of intelligence, creativity, and wisdom. Each mochila is unique, and the colors, shapes, and designs are all symbolic. Some bags can take up to a month to complete! These mochilas have become very popular with both Colombian residents and tourists and creating these bags has become a major source of financial support for the Wayuu people.

About the Project:

Students will study the Wayuu people including their daily lives, environment, and culture. Specifically, they will learn about the mochilas made by the Wayuu people and what different colors and designs mean. Then, students will have a chance to make their own mochilas inspired by the Wayuu. They will first use pencils and rulers to sketch out their designs on a pre-made canvas bag. Finally, they will use fabric markers to decorate their bag with vibrant colors.



Academic Standards:

Visual Arts

- 1.1 Demonstrate developmentally appropriate use of tools and media (e.g., scissors, glue, pencils, markers, crayons, paint brushes, paint, paper). Use tools in a safe and responsible manner.
- 1.2 Paint, glue, cut, sculpt, draw, collage, and print at a developmentally appropriate level. Use appropriate vocabulary to describe a technique.
- 1.3 Demonstrate developmentally appropriate knowledge of art processes (e.g., painting, printing, mixed media.)
- 1.4 Produce artwork with developmentally appropriate levels of craftsmanship. Identify levels of craftsmanship in artwork.
- 2.3 Demonstrate developmentally appropriate knowledge of the purposes of art.
- 2.4 Demonstrate developmentally appropriate knowledge of contexts in art.
- 3.1 Choose developmentally appropriate subject matter with teacher guidance. Choose developmentally appropriate symbols with teacher guidance. Choose developmentally appropriate ideas with teacher guidance.
- 4.1 Demonstrate developmentally appropriate knowledge of art from different cultures, times, and places.
- 4.2 Demonstrate developmentally appropriate knowledge of how culture and history influence art.
- 6.2 Identify connections between visual art and other disciplines in the curriculum.



Memphis in May: Colombia

Poison Dart Frogs

Grade Level: 3-5

Materials:

Cardstock

Green Oil Pastels

Glue Sticks

Liquid Watercolors

Paintbrushes

Scissors



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About Poisonous Frogs:

Colombia hosts two main rainforests, Chocó and the Amazon. Poison dart frogs are among the thousands of animals that inhabit these rainforests. The golden poison dart frog, living near the Pacific coast of Colombia, is one of the most toxic animals on Earth. A single frog contains enough poison to kill ten adults! Some indigenous people use poison dart frogs to poison the end of blowgun darts used for hunting. Widespread destruction of the rainforest has led to many poison dart frogs being on the endangered species list. Poison dart frogs can come in many bright colors such as red, orange, yellow, blue, and green. These bright colors make them beautiful to look at but the vibrant hues act as a warning to predators.

About the Project:

Students will study Colombian rainforests, focusing on poison dart frogs. Students will learn about the poison dart frog's habitat, diet, and behavior. Students will then make their own dart frog collages by using cardstock, glue sticks, and scissors to construct the body of the frog. They will use oil pastels to draw leaves and grass in the background of their project, and finally they will decorate their frogs using black liquid watercolor.



Academic Standards:

Visual Arts

- 1.1 Demonstrate developmentally-appropriate use of tools (e.g., drawing implements, painting implements, sculpting implements, printmaking implements, and technological sources). Demonstrate developmentally-appropriate care for tools and work space. Demonstrate safe use of tools in making art.
- 1.2 Demonstrate developmentally-appropriate use of media (e.g., drawing, painting, sculpting, printmaking and technology).
- 1.3 Demonstrate developmentally-appropriate proficiency in a variety of techniques (e.g., cutting, pasting, assemblage, mixing color, contouring, working with form, mark-making techniques, working with color theory, color schemes, painting wet into wet, book-making, printmaking, mixing applications of various techniques, and sourcing technology). Utilize correct vocabulary to describe techniques of making art.
- 1.4 Explore and implement various ways of sequentially developing art from a concept to teacherselected outcomes.
- 2.4 Create artwork using the principles of design with specific intent.
- 2.5 Summarize the perceived reasons for the creation of artworks using teacher-given guidelines.
- 2.6 Create works of art with an intended purpose or combination of purposes.
- 4.1 Examine characteristics of selected cultures and the art of those cultures through teacher-guided activities. Examine characteristics of selected times and the art from those times through teacher-guided activities. Examine characteristics of selected places and the art from those places through teacher-guided activities. Compare and contrast art from selected cultures, times, and places.
- 4.2 Relate, through teacher-guided activities, how culture, history, and art influence each other.
- 6.1 Compare and discuss connections between visual arts and other arts disciplines.
- 6.2 Compare and discuss connections between visual arts and disciplines outside the arts.

<u>Science</u>

Conceptual Strand 1: All living things are made of cells that perform functions necessary for life.

Conceptual Strand 2: All life is interdependent and interacts with the environment.

Conceptual Strand 5: A rich variety of complex organisms have developed in response to a continually changing environment.