

African Masks
Art Docent
Kindergarten

Materials Needed:

Glue sticks, one per student
Scissors, one per student
Pre- Cut colored construction paper squares
6 Trays to hold construction paper squares.
Precut mask shape
1 sheet 8.5 x 11 black construction paper to glue the finish mask to.

Elements Covered:

Shape
Color

Principles Included:

Scale/Proportion
Positive/negative shape
Rhythm

Presentation: (5 to 10 Mins)

Students will learn about some types of African Masks by viewing the slideshow.

Demonstration: 30-40 minutes

Tell the students that they will be making a paper cut mask and show the example.
Pass out the precut mask shapes, pre-cut colored paper, glue sticks, and scissors.
Make sure to have the students write their names on the back.

Lesson:

What are the shapes that make up a face? How is the mask “abstracted” from reality? Do the eyes, nose and mouth look realistic or do they look more like simple shapes? Do they still look like a face? A lot of artists reference something realistic, but change it into simple shapes so that it “represents” something more spiritual or emotional. How will you create your mask to show emotions or something else? What will it embody?

Wrap Up:

Students are seated around a circle with their masks. If there is time, each student shares one detail about their mask-it can be something they like about it, what was

hard, or what ceremony it could be used for. You can give them a choice of questions, or you can ask each student the same question. Have students help with clean up.

Samples:

