

Lesson/Unit Topic: Easter Island (Rapa Nui)

Grade Level: 6/7

Timeline: 4 40 minute Classes



Lesson/Unit Objective:

Students will gain knowledge on Easter Island and the art that was produced there. Student will create a contemporary Moai with wire and [paper-mache](#) and will come up with their reason why the people of Easter Island (Rapa Nui) created these large stone sculptures that we know as [Moais](#).

Materials:

- Wire
- Twist ties
- Newspaper
- Flour
- Acrylic paint – 16-oz bottle of Portfolio series acrylic
- Several dollar store brushes
- Several plastic containers
- Acrylic satin finish
- Music from Easter Island

Visuals:

- Artifacts from Museum
- Nova Documentary
- Pictures on the board

Motivation tools

- Artifacts from Museum
- Music from Easter Island

Procedure:

Lesson 1:

- Engage: I will take the students to the museum to see artifacts from Easter Island (Rapa Nui). During this time I will have the students discuss about the artifacts and have them answer a questionnaire. If there is time or

going to the museum is out of question I will show the Nova Documentary. During workdays have music playing from Easter Island.

- Explore: I will demonstrate how to make the wire arm armature (framework, skeleton) and how to skin it. During this time I will ask them about their opinions and thoughts why the islanders carved these great monuments and distorting their island home at the same time.
- Now is time to Create the Moai
- When Finished, Celebrate!!!

How to make the Moai:

- First the student will make a simple wire armature that will give a outline of their Moai.
- After the armature is made they will paper mica it and will create more definition of the eyes, mouth, and nose.
- Then they will paint it base on a post fire technique.
- Black wash the Moai and let dry.
- White wash the Moai and let dry.
- Use dry brush techniques to add several thin layers of color over the Moai to create a rock like appearances.
- Paint Eyes last.
- Let dry and apply Acrylic satin finish.
- Demonstrate this painting technique to the class.
- Have Fun painting!!!