Talking Heads

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In this resource, learners explore their voice and express the things they want to say through debate and portraiture.

Inspired by <u>Lubaina Himid's</u> theatre exhibit, in which she creates to-scale cardboard and wooden sculptures of characters in theatre, learners will create cardboard portraits.

Learners will explore facial expressions and messaging through group discussions or independent contemplation, finding their message within the conversation, and coming together at the end to visualise their place within the conversation. This resource is suitable for ages 13 and up.

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Still Life Compositions: Inspired by Cezanne

What We Like About This Resource....

"This activity walks through a number of different processes and taps into multiple skills. This provides a rich exploratory project for children to fully immerse themselves in. Cezanne was the focus artist for this project, but other contemporary still life painters could be used as starter inspiration. We actually advocate showing the work of more than one artist as this builds knowledge of how approaches to painting, drawing etc differ. This also helps children move towards a personal response rather than creating a 'copy' of one particular artist's work" – Rachel, AccessArt

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"The sentiment behind this resource idea is lovely and it provides an opportunity to really develop some fine motor skills as well as independence of approach. Taking ownership of the medal design means the sense of achievement is heightened beyond the children just being given one. You can really imagine the positive energy that would surround this activity within a classroom, with each child working on a shared project but embarking on their own creative journey." -*Rachel, AccessArt*

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"It's great to see music being explored in this way, and combining it with making creates a really interesting immersive project. This activity would work well as part of an extended project looking at musical instruments around the world and some of the natural materials they are made from." – Rachel, AccessArt

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"There's a really fun element to this activity which is you can imagine all children really enjoying! The idea of food on large scale is a great starter for a sculpture project and an early exploration of working in 3D. What's really positive to see in this project is how the children used their sketchbooks to design their ice creams prior to working in 3D. They then had the opportunity to re visit and refine their ideas as they worked. This provides a sold foundation for the concept of design development and design through making- both of which underpin any visual arts or design project or profession. For more support on how to develop sketchbook practice in your setting please see our <u>Sketchbook Journey</u>" – *Rachel, AccessArt*

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