Talking Heads

By Tobi Meuwissen

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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"I really like how Yu-Ching's process combines hand-drawing and painting, before moving across to digital. Combining those processes ensures that the illustrations retain a very warm, tactile look to them, but the digital element refines the imagery. We really like what Yu-Ching says about the benefits of silent books being universally understood and feel that the benefits and challenges of not using words means that the imagery has to be really clear, which encourages lots of exciting creative problem-solving." – Tobi, AccessArt

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"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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