

Talking Points: Event Mapping

A collection of imagery and sources designed to explore event mapping.

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Event mapping is a useful way to visualise the event space. It can help organisers to spot any potential issues before the event, plan ahead and track the progress of the planning.

There are different approaches to event mapping you can explore; creating a 3D physical model of a space or working digitally to create a virtual model of a space.

Explore the videos below to focus a discussion about what is possible.

Paris Olympics: OnePlan

You might like to show some clips from the video above on mute to give pupils a feel for the virtual capabilities of digital mapping.

Paris will be hosting the events across the city in historical and cultural venues. Most of the games are being held in pre-existing stadiums. Explore the [competition venue concept map](#) for the Paris Olympics and Paralympics.

Questions to Ask Children

Why do you think digital mapping can be useful when planning big events?

Does the digital mapping remind you of anything?

What are the benefits/disadvantages of mapping out an event digitally?

London Olympics 2012

Find out more about Daniel Boyle's vision for the 2012 Olympic Opening Ceremony [here](#).

Go to minute 3:30 to see specifically how they have used 3D model in their planning.

Questions to Ask Children

After seeing both digital and hand made models for events mapping, which is your favourite and why?

What are the benefits/disadvantages of having a 3D model?

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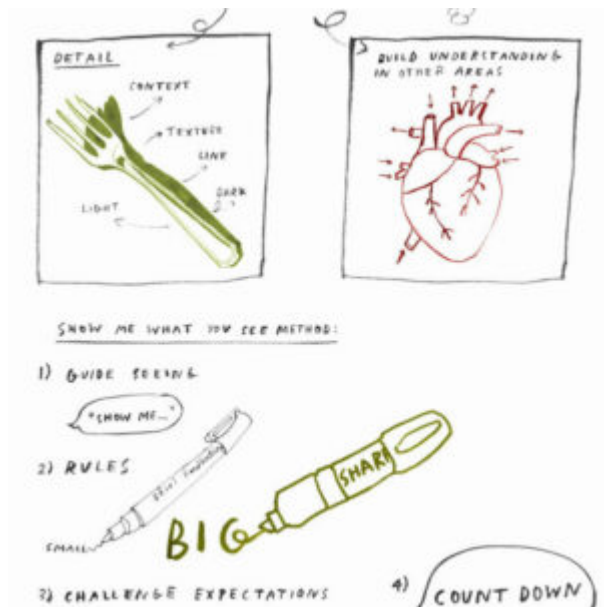
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AccessArt Olympics: Mapping and Modelling

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Explore the project below to help pupils consider how they might design an Olympic/Paralympic Games in their home town based on the Olympic [Ceremony](#).

Mapping & Modelling

Aim: To see how events can be planned on a large

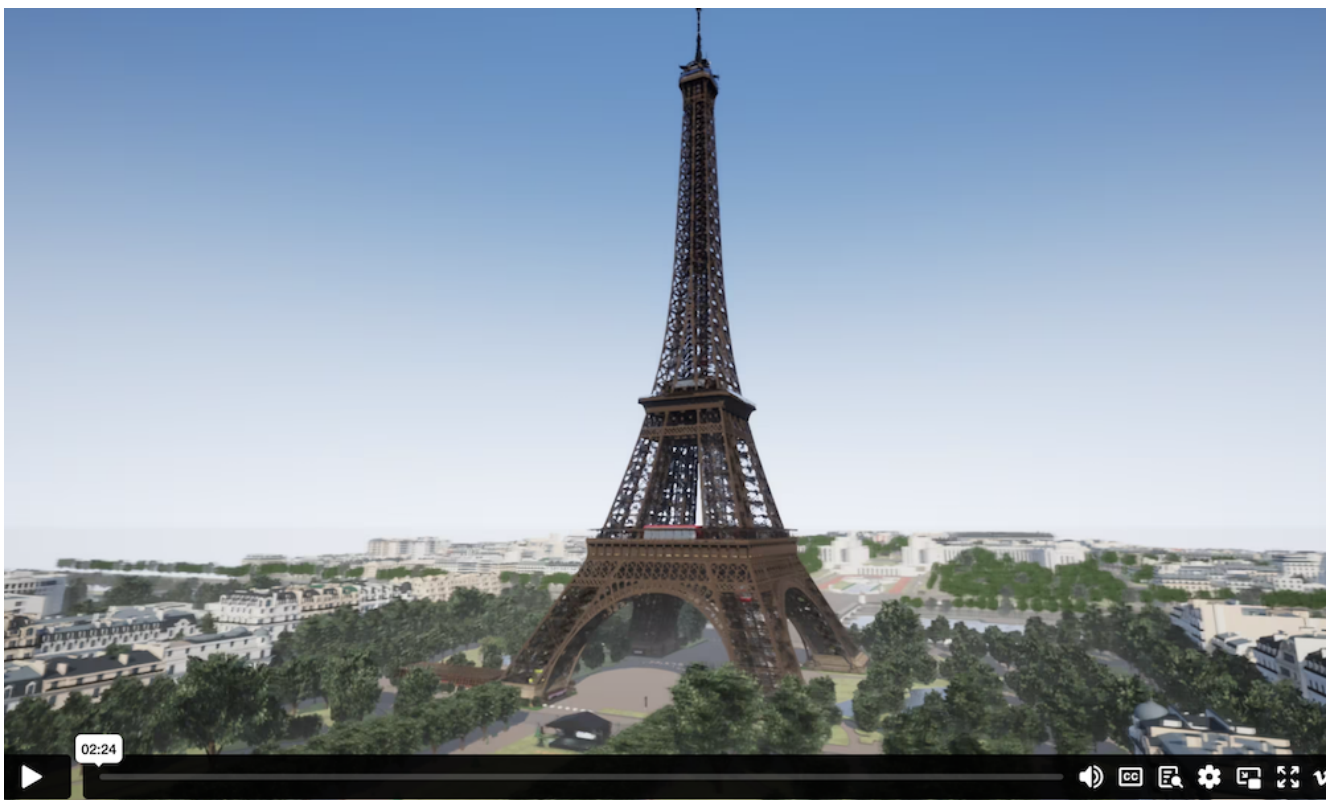
scale using creative solutions. Pupils will create their own event plan based on their town, using sculpture and digital media.

Step 1: Introduce Concept

Consider asking pupils to make an Olympic project sketchbook using one of the “[Making Sketchbooks](#)” resources.

Explore “[Talking Points: Events Mapping](#)” to see how both software and model making can be used to plan large scale event such as the Olympics.

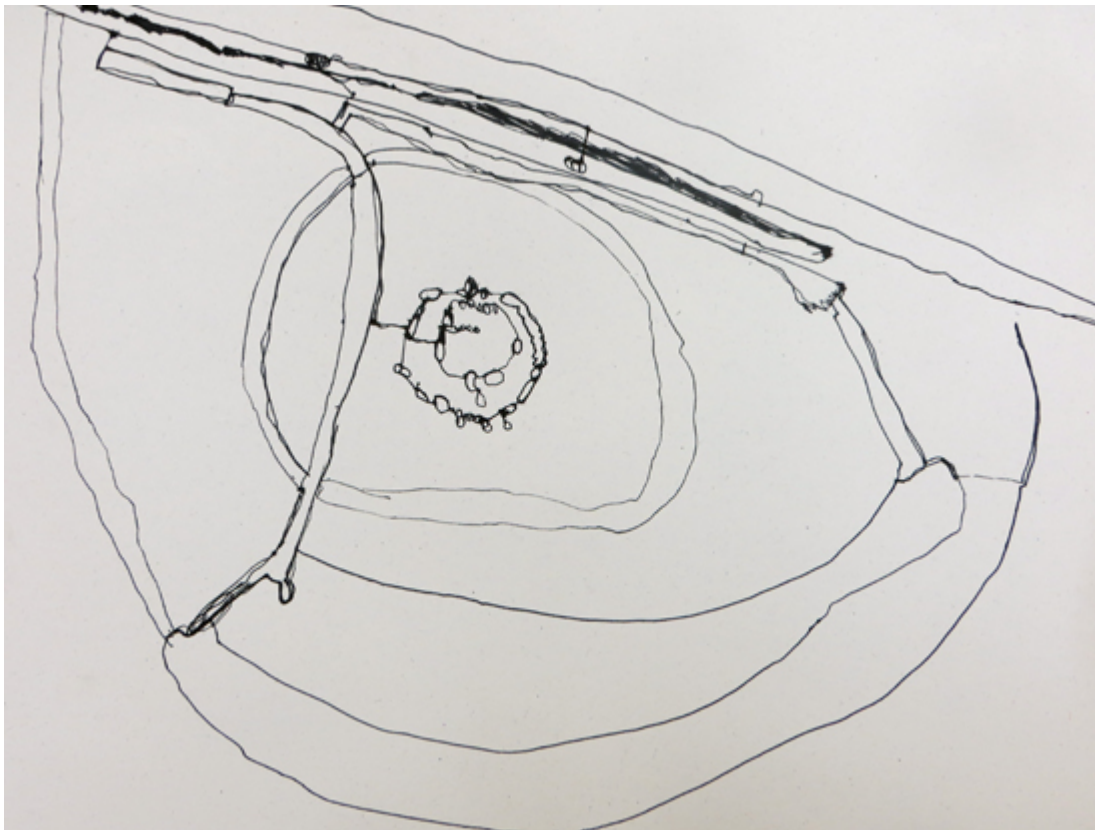
Invite children to create “[Visual Notes](#)” in their sketchbooks as they watch the videos, noting down what they see, hear and think as they watch along.



Step 2: Drawing

Use the “[Inspired by Google Maps](#)” resource to create line drawings of your local area, or an area pupils might like to base their Olympic Games. It might be a nice opportunity to see how different locations (countryside or city) might impact planning.

Invite pupils to consider where the ceremony and sports events will be held. Will there be an athletes village? Where will people walk, shop, eat, disabled access etc? Add them to your map.



Step 3: Making

Decide at this point whether you would like to add a digital element to the project or if you would prefer to stick to model making.

Option 1: Create a 3d map by adapting the resource

[“Inspired by Google Maps: Making”](#). Invite pupils to create additional blocks representing the facilities they’re creating for their town olympics based on their drawing work and arrange them into their 3d model.

Option 2: Create a 3d map linking to Olympic planning by adapting **[“Inspired by Google Maps: Making”](#)**...

Cover the polystyrene with white tissue paper. Using a projector, project pupils drawings from the google maps drawing activity onto their models (they can hold them up against the whiteboard). Bear in mind the drawings don’t have to be to scale but it will be nice to see the line work projected onto models. Invite pupils to take photos.

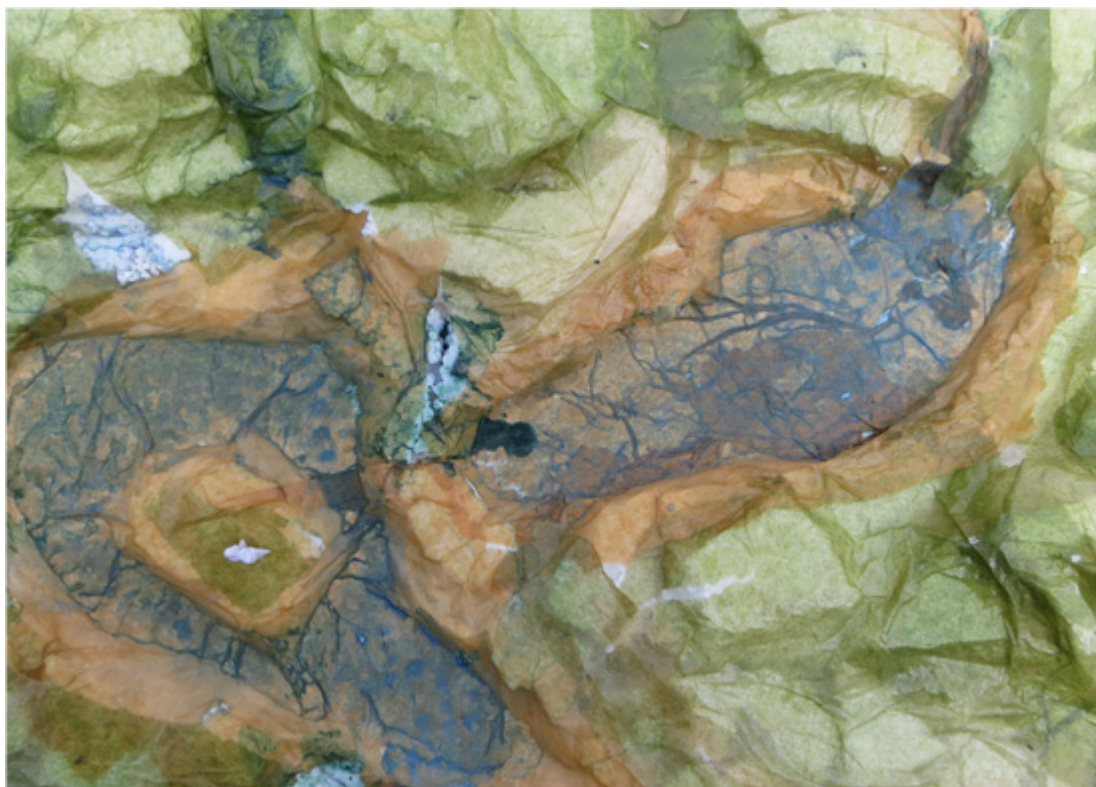


Step 4: Reflect

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Materials:

Sketchbooks

Drawing Materials

Polystyrene

PVA Glue

Tissue Paper

Projector (Optional)

Adaptations:

Base your event in a historical context, for example around the ancient Pyramids in Egypt, or the town of Pompeii. How could you incorporate historical landmarks into your event?

Explore Other Resources in Ceremony:



Mascot Design



Stadium Design



Friendship Tower

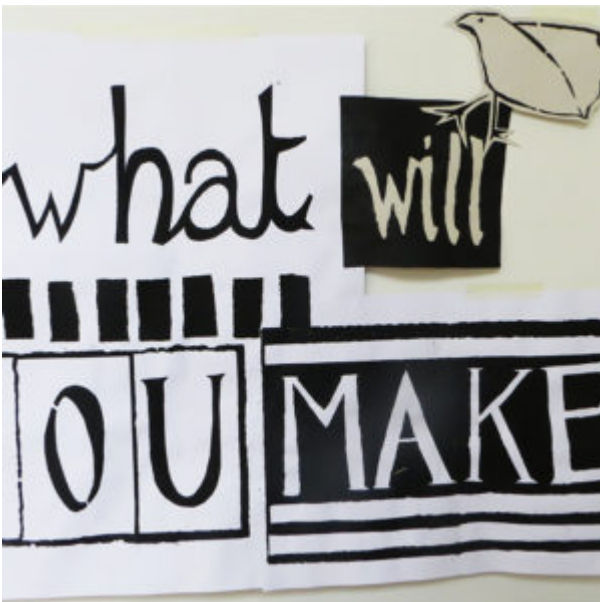
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AccessArt Olympics: Sporting Sculptures

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Explore the project below to help pupils create a sculptural figure inspired by Olympic [Athletics](#).

Sporting Sculptures

Aim: To introduce pupils to the work of sculptors and painters inspired by human form with a focus on athleticism. Pupils will get the opportunity to create figurative drawings and develop their work through to sculpture.

Step 1: Introduce

Begin by introducing pupils to the sculptures made by Rosa Serra, commissioned for the Seoul 1988 Olympics, with “[Talking points: Rosa Serra](#)”.

Invite pupils to create “[Visual Notes](#)” in their sketchbooks inspired by the information they see.



Use “[Drawing Source Material: Athletes in Action](#)” material for pupils exploring the human form during sports. In the first instance you might want to pause the videos as suitable points to enable the children to carefully look at the main forms and details.

Encourage close and slow looking by talking as they draw – use your voice to attract their attention to features of the athletes.

Invite pupils to draw what they can see in their sketchbooks. See “[Show Me What You See](#)” to find out how to run the guided session.



Step 2: Drawing and Sketchbooks

Start the session by introducing choreographer and painter Serge Lifar to pupils using “[Talking Points: Serge Lifar](#)”. Use the questions to prompt discussions about how he captures moving forms through line and colour.

Follow on by using the “[Exaggerating To Communicate](#)” resource to help children draw from life, and explore how we might use exaggeration as a tool to help us convey the intention of our drawing. Invite children to get into a position relating to a sport they like or they saw in the [Drawing Source Material](#) above. You might like to introduce props.



Step 3: Making

Follow on by adapting the “[Plinth People](#)” resource, inspired by the work done so far.

Invite pupils to think about a movement they would like to capture in their sculptures and whether this is reflected in a particular sport.

Encourage pupils to think about how they can bring exaggerated form, colour and shape to their sculptures.



Step 4: Reflect

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Materials:

Sketchbooks

A3 Cartridge Paper

Drawing materials

Watercolour

Soft wire

Wire cutters

Plaster for the plinth

Cardboard

Scrap fabric strips

PVA glue

Adaptations:

If you are working with younger children and would prefer to use modroc instead of clay you can adapt the "[Friendship Tower](#)" resource.

Explore Other Resources in Athletics:



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Sculptural Sneakers

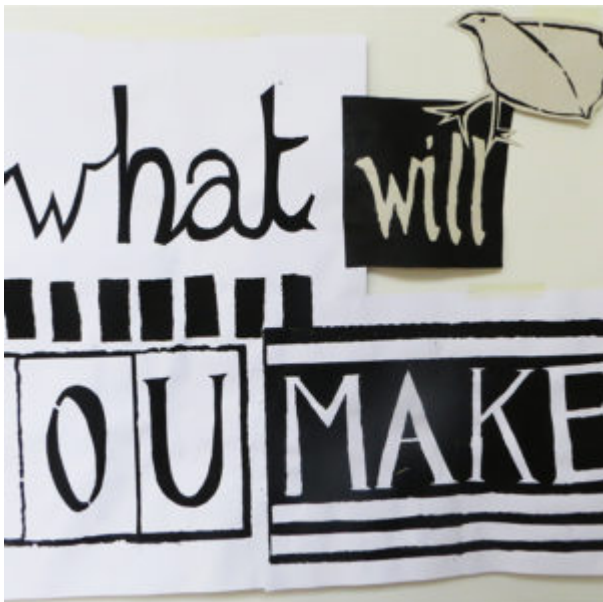


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Talking Points: Serge Lifar

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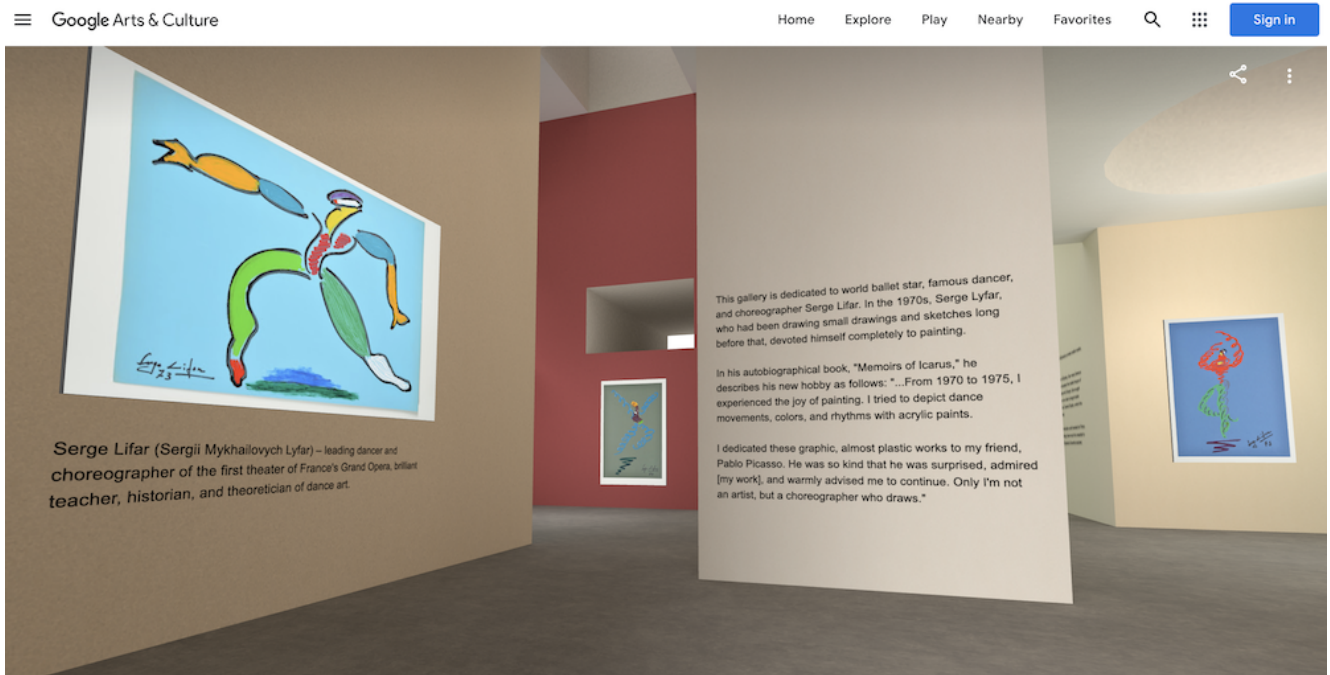
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Serge Lifar

Serge Lifar was a famous dancer and choreographer born in 1905. Throughout his career as a dancer and choreographer he kept drawings and sketches of the dancers and movements he would choreograph. Later in life he devoted himself to painting.

[Enter the Pocket Gallery of Google Arts and](#)

[Culture](#) to explore some of Serge's works in 3D.



Find more of [Lifar's paintings here](#) to discuss with the class using questions below.

Questions to Ask Children

Describe what you can see in the paintings.

How has Lifar used colour in his paintings? Why do you think he chose those colours?

Describe the lines you can see. How has Lifar used line to achieve a sense of movement in his paintings?

What do you like/dislike about the painting?

How does the painting make you feel? Why?

Which is your favourite painting and why?

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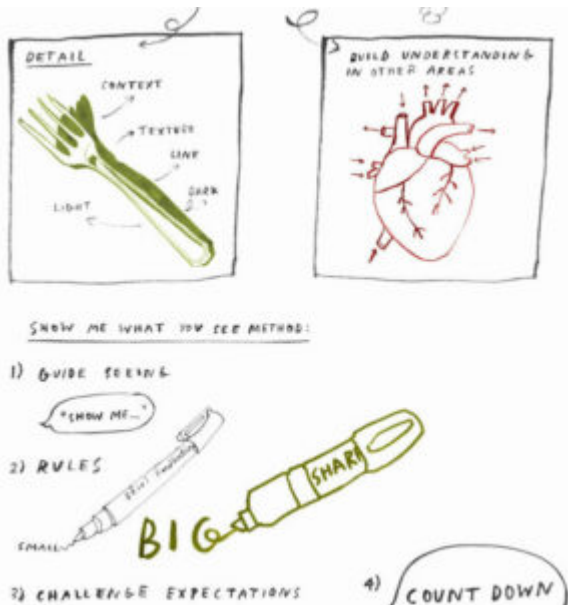
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Rosa Serra

“Serra is a Spanish sculptor born in 1944. She received the sculpture prize at the III Bilbao Biennial in 1976 and was commissioned by the International Olympic Committee to create sculptures for the 1988 Seoul Olympic Games. She is known for her sculptures influenced by Henry Moore, characterised by risky curves, roundness, and harmony.” –[askART](#)

See a selection of Serra's sculptures from the 1988 Seoul Olympics on [Google Arts and Culture](#).

Questions to Ask Children

Describe what you can see in the sculpture.

How might you describe the form and movement of the piece?

Which sculpture is your favourite and why?

Compare and contrast Serra's work with the work of [Henry Moore](#).

Mute the video and watch Serra's process.

Go to 0:20 to see how Serra builds up the mold for her sculpture from armatures.

Questions to Ask Children

What is a [cast](#)?

How does Serra create the [mold](#) for her sculptures?

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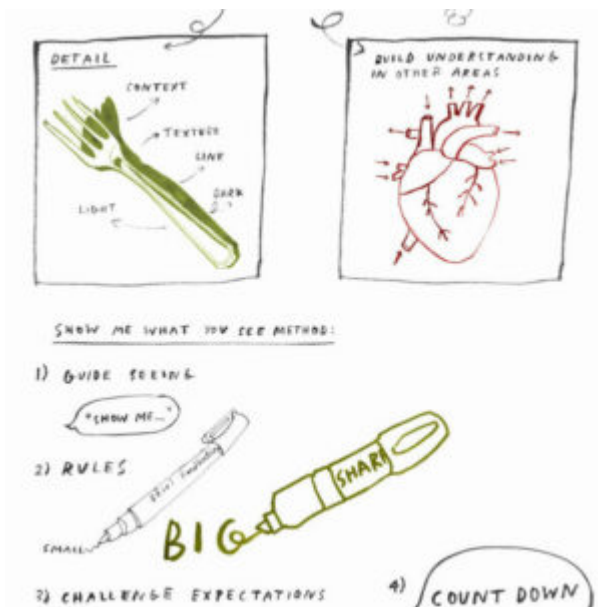
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AccessArt Olympics: Ancient Greek Architecture

<<Explore Other Olympic Themes

Explore the project below to help pupils discover Ancient Greek architecture inspired by Olympic History.

Ancient Greek Architecture

Aim: Pupils will explore Ancient Greek architecture through sketchbooks, collage and sculpture.

Step 1: Introduce in Sketchbooks

Consider asking pupils to make an Olympic project sketchbook using one of the “[Making Sketchbooks](#)” resources.

Begin by introducing pupils to the first ever Olympic stadium in Olympia with “[Talking Points: Olympic and Paralympic Stadiums](#)”. Use the questions to prompt discussion.

Follow on in sketchbooks with a drawing activity, exploring architecture using “[Drawing Source Materials: Ancient Greek Architecture](#)” as a drawing prompt.

Invite pupils to create drawings inspired by the source material using the “[Show Me What You See](#)” method. You can find a case study for this method inspired by [Anglo Saxon architecture](#) which will need to be adapted.



Step 2: Drawing

Adapt the “[Houses From Around The World](#)” resource to create textured collage drawings inspired by Ancient Greek Architecture. Invite pupils to look at the range of marks and lines made in sketchbooks in the previous session and build upon them.

If you would like to focus on making skills you may like to skip this step.



Step 3: Making

Create Sculptures with Personality inspired by the ["Sculptures with Personality, Inspired by anglo Saxon Houses"](#) resource.

Making "sculptures" rather than "models" enables pupils to grow their ideas in individual directions, using the architecture of Ancient Greek buildings as a starting point.



Step 4: Reflect

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[“crit” to finish the project.](#)

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Materials:

Sketchbooks

A3 cartridge and newsprint paper

Drawing materials

Making Materials: Card, Corrugated cardboard, Coffee stirrers, Lolly sticks, Twigs, Toothpicks, Wire (various thicknesses for structure and binding), String, Withies, Hessian, Calico, Felted Wool

PVA Glue

Pliers

Scissors

Glue Guns

Adaptations:

You could invite pupils to create sculptures inspired by [a modern Olympic stadium](#).

Explore Other Resources in History



[Making Medals](#)



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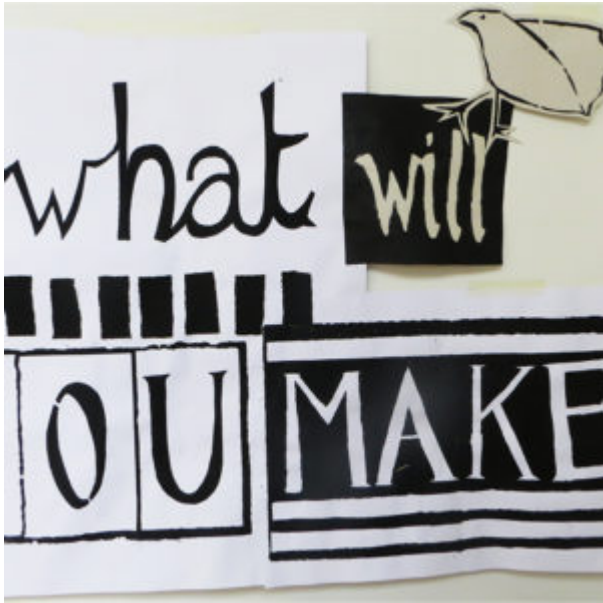
An Olympic Poster

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Talking Points: Olympic and Paralympic Stadiums

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The Paralympics began in 1948 at the military hospital [Stoke Madeville](#) as a way to speed up recovery of paraplegic War Veterans after World War Two. Sir Ludwig Guttmann, a German-British neurologist, came up with the idea of organising a series of sports competitions to be held at the same time as the Olympic Games in London. Since 1988 the Paralympics have always been held in the same city and stadiums as the Olympics. – [Paris 2024](#)

Ancient Olympia Stadium

“The stadium of Ancient Olympia was a holy place for the ancient Greeks, where all the sports activities were held dedicated to the god Zeus. Originally, the stadium was constructed in such a manner that spectators could view the events from

the slopes of Mount Cronion. But the stadium was gradually moved further east, and eventually, it was placed outside the temple of Zeus.” – [Greeka](#)

The first Olympics in 6 B.C. had mud seats made for 20,000 spectators. When the stadium was rebuilt in 5 B.C., it had capacity for 45,000 spectators.

Find out more information about the Olympia Stadium [here](#).

Explore the first Olympic Stadium and surrounding grounds. You may find [this resource](#) useful for finding out about the names of the different areas around the stadium.

Questions to Ask Children

Can you picture what the stadium might've looked like in 6 B.C. and then again in 5 B.C.?

Why do you think all that's left is the track field?

What kind of sports do you think the Ancient Greeks would've competed in on this track?

Beijing 2008

The Beijing National Olympic Stadium was created by Swiss architect firm Herzog & de Meuron. The stadium housed the opening ceremony of the Olympics in 2008 and the Winter Olympics in 2022.

The stadium is nicknamed 'The Nest' due to its interesting steel frame. See the development of the stadium [here](#).



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Questions to Ask Children

What do you think influenced the shape of the stadium? What is the significance of this?

What are the most notable features of this stadium?

What do you like/dislike about this stadium?

If you designed your own stadium would you make a simple or decorative exterior? Why?

London 2012

Designed by Zaha Hadid – go to minute 15:50 to

find out about Hadid's Aquatic Centre, designed for the 2012 London Olympics.

Populous redesigned the London Olympic Park to make it part of the community for years to come.

Find more work from Populous at "[Talking Points: Populous](#)".

Questions to Ask Children

What do you notice about the shapes in Saha Hadid's Aquatic Centre? Why are they relevant?

Do you like/dislike the Aquatic Centre? Why?

Why do you think it's important to ensure that these constructions last for a long time?

What do you think a stadium should provide a community with once they are not being used for sporting competitions?

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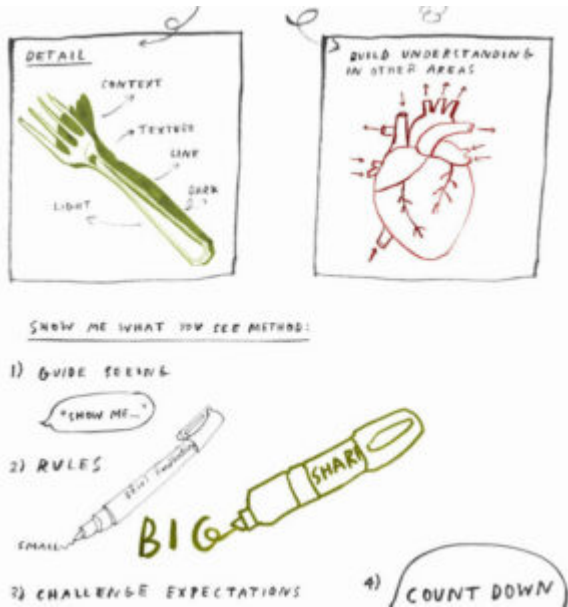
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Past and Present Sportswear

Questions to Ask Children

How would you describe sportswear in the past?

How would you describe sportswear today?

**Do you prefer old sportswear or new sportswear?
Why?**

Sportswear and Identity

Questions to Ask Children

How does the design on this football kit represent the team?

What do you like/dislike about the kit? Why?

If you were going to create a design for sportswear based on your local area what symbols might you use? Why?

Giro Cycling Kit

Questions to Ask Children

What is the inspiration for this sportswear?

How has the local area and history of the area impacted the design?

What do you like/dislike about the kit? Why?

How does the design and colour make you feel?

Speedo Collaboration

Questions to Ask Children

What can you see in the designs?

What do you think influenced the designs?

Do you like the swimwear? Which design is your favourite and why?

How does the swimwear make you feel when you look at it?

How would you compare and contrast the Speedo designs to the design in one of the videos above?

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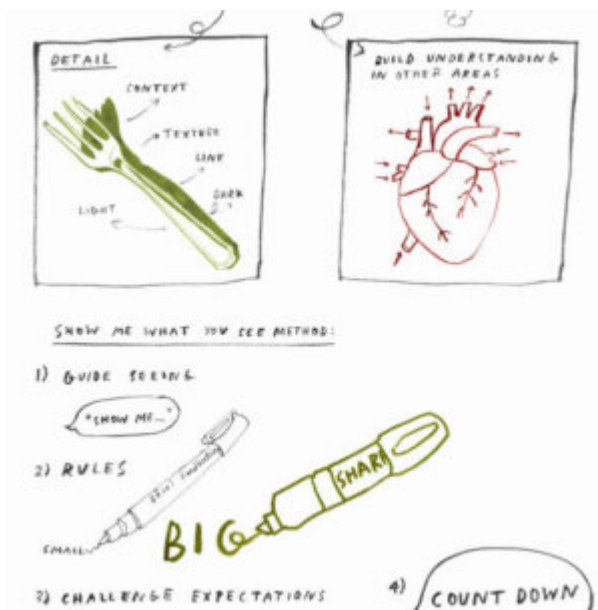
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Explore some iconic fashion statements from the Olympic games over the years. Does it make you think differently about what sportswear design can be?

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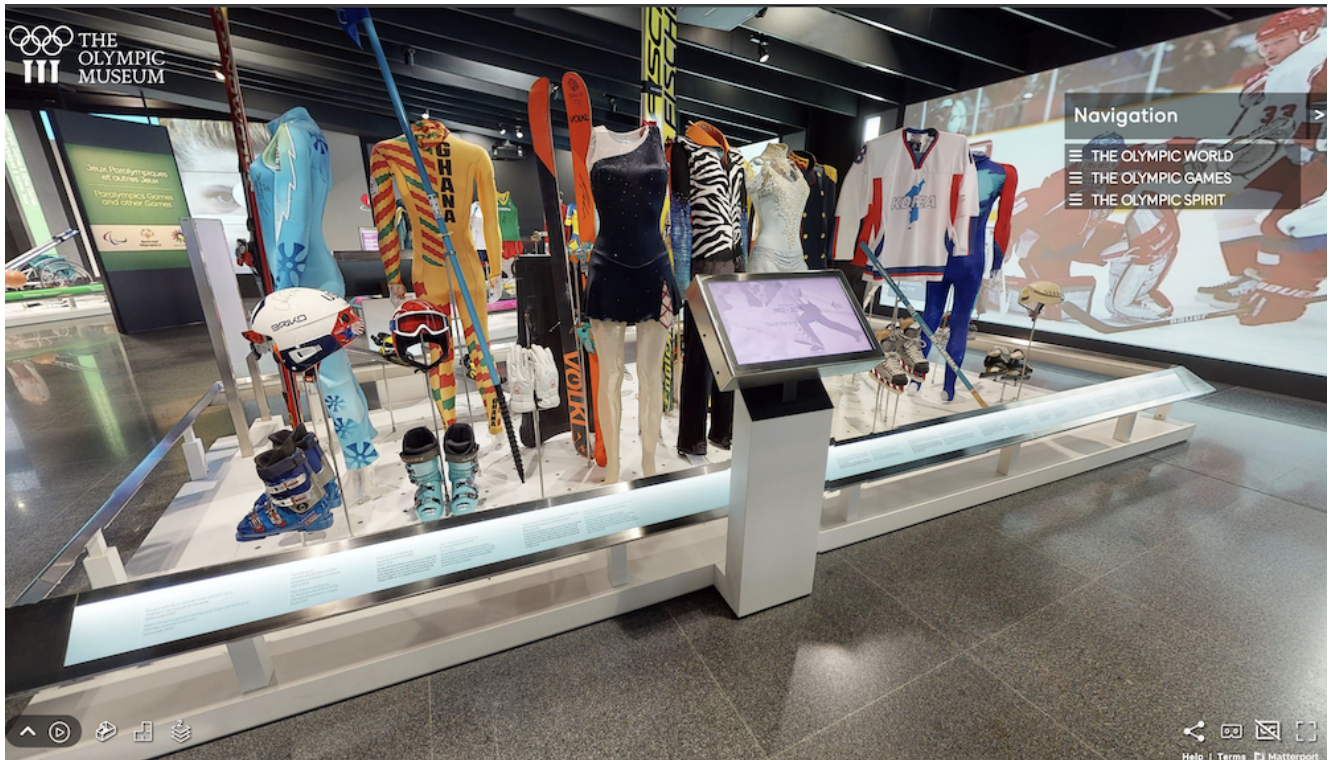
Johnny Weir

Cathy Freeman

[See clothing designed for the Paralympics in 3D.](#)

The Olympic Museum

Explore a 3D Olympic fashion exhibition via [The Olympic Museum](#). Select floor (Etage) 0 to find the fashion exhibition.



Questions to Ask Children

Do you think that sportswear can help with athletic performance? Why?

Think of some words to describe what sportswear can be? (eg colourful, pretty, practical)

What do you think designers have to consider when they design sportswear for olympians?

If you could design sportswear for an Olympic event, which sport would you choose? Why?

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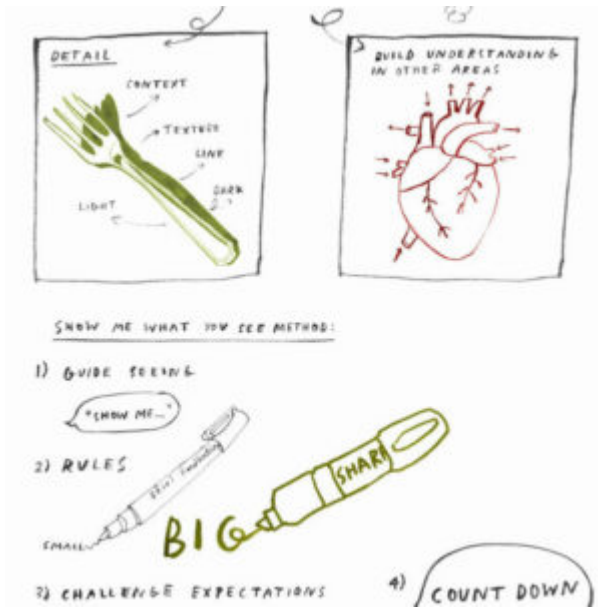
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AccessArt Olympics: Sportswear Design

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Explore the project below to help pupils consider how they might design an Olympic/Paralympic Kit based on either Olympic [Athletics](#) or [History](#).

Sportswear Design

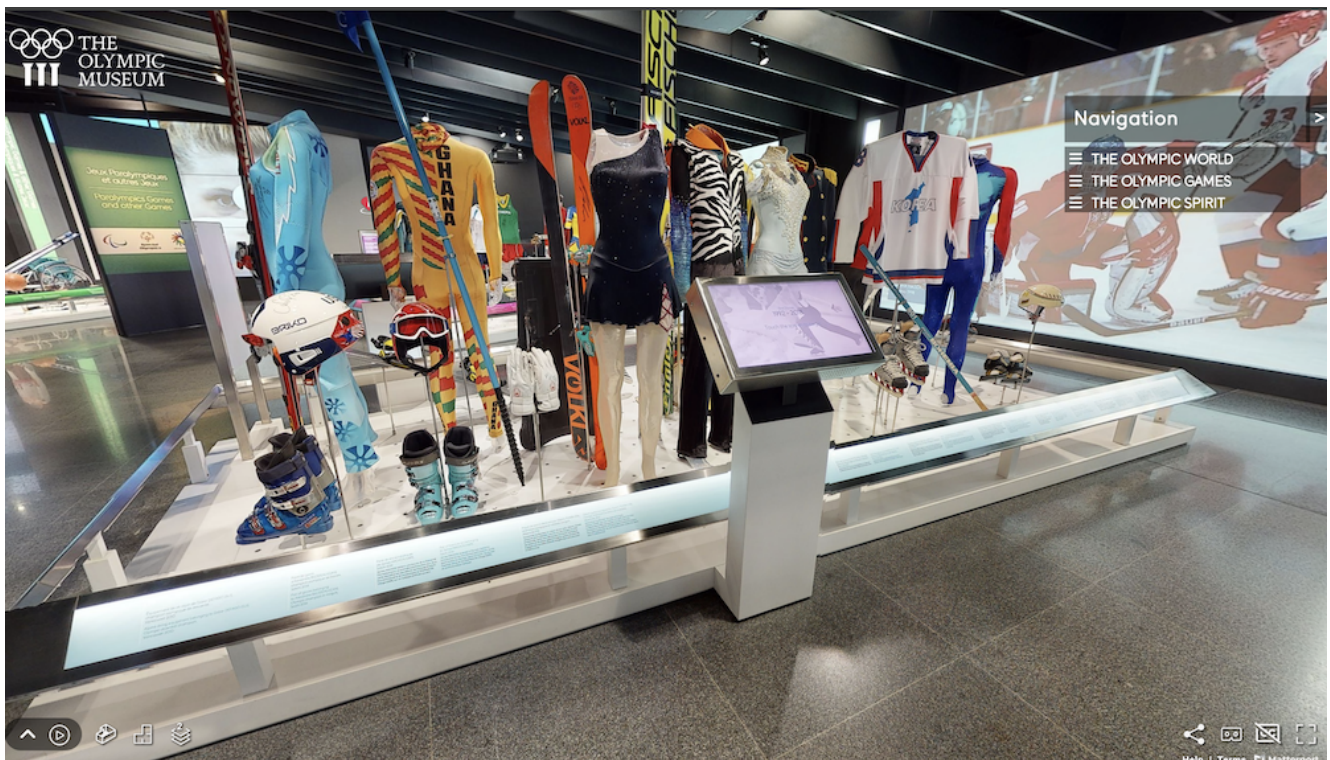
Aim: To introduce pupils to sportswear design,

what it's used for and what it can represent. Pupils will get the opportunity to design their own sportswear whilst developing painting and collage skills.

Step 1: Introduce

Begin the session by asking pupils to make an Olympic project sketchbook using one of the [“Making Sketchbooks”](#) resources.

Introduce pupils to iconic Olympic Fashion from the past using [“Talking Points: Olympic Fashion”](#). Invite pupils to create [“Visual Notes”](#) in their sketchbooks inspired by what they see.



Step 2: Drawing

Give pupils the opportunity to draw figures from life inspired by the [“Life Drawing For Children”](#)

resource. Borrow some sports equipment from the PE department to inform their poses. Take it in turns to model in an athletic pose related to the sports prop and draw.



Step 3: Introduce

Introduce pupils to the idea that sportswear can be designed to reflect a sport, person, a team, a place etc. Watch the videos on “[Talking Points: Designing Sportswear](#)” and use the questions to prompt a discussion about what designers use as inspiration for their designs.



Using paint and collage, invite pupils to create decorated papers which can be transformed into “[2d and 3d Fashion Designs](#)”. Adapt the resource slightly to encourage them to think about what motifs/symbols/patterns they might create to reflects their local area, personality, a sport, olympic value, or a focus of your choice.



Step 4: Reflect

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Materials:

Sketchbooks

A3 and A4 Cartridge Paper

Drawing materials

Sports equipment to use as props

Acrylic Paint

Brushes

Scissors

PVA glue

Mannequins (Wooden or Cardboard)

Clear tape

Adaptations:

You may like to focus on the history of sportswear, creating designs based on historical fashion and sportswear.

Explore Other Resources in Athletics:



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Sporting Sculptures

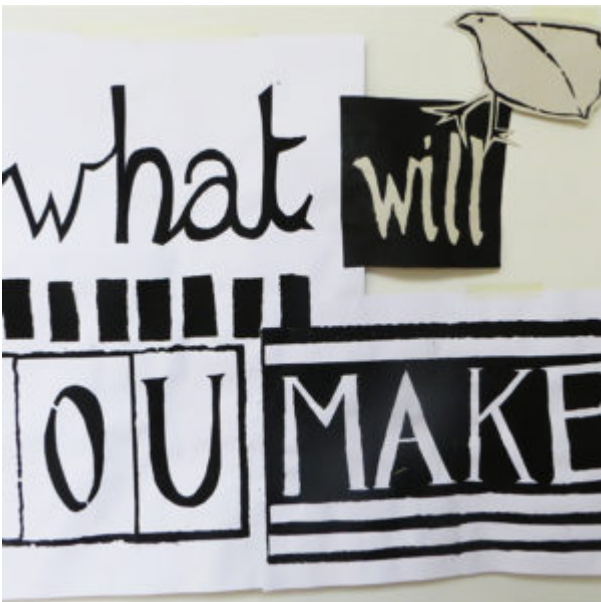


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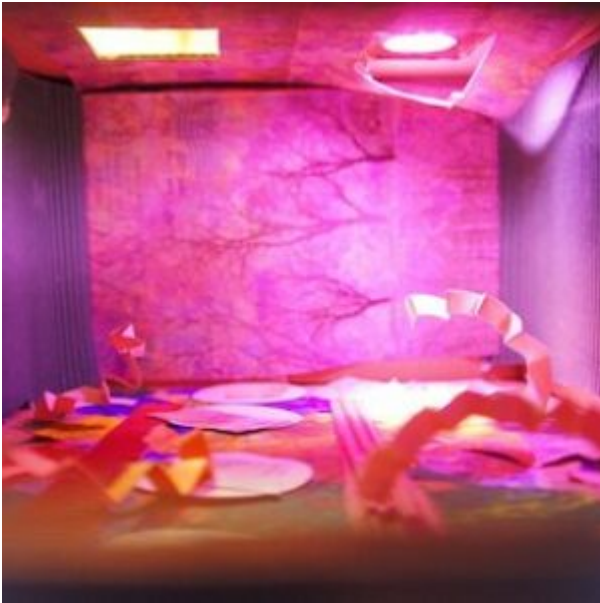
Drawing Source material: ice



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Mini world Lightboxes



Talking Points: Olympic Design

A collection of imagery and sources designed to introduce children to the designers behind the Olympic games.

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What does designing the Olympics and Paralympics entail?

Questions to Ask Children

What do designers need to create for the Olympics?

Why is it important to have a design that unites the Olympic games across the city?

How might designers present the culture of their city through design?

If you were designing an Olympics in your local area, what might you take inspiration from?

London 2012

See how design can generate discussion.

Questions to Ask Children

Do you think the design for London 2012 represented the UK? Why?

Do you like the design? Why?

Do you think that discussions about whether the logo was suitable is a good thing or a bad thing? Why?

Munich 1972

See how design was used to rebrand post WWII Germany for the 1972 Olympic games.

Questions to Ask Children

Describe the colours and shapes that you saw in the designs for the 1972 Olympics.

What do you like/dislike about the design? Why?

How does the design make you feel?

Do you think the design was successful in rebranding a post war Germany? Why?

Los Angeles 1984

Find out how the design of the Olympics was spread throughout the city with bright and colourful installations.

Questions to Ask Children

Describe the colours and shapes that you saw in the designs for the 1984 Olympics.

How does the design of the 1984 Olympics make you feel?

Do you like the design from the 1984 Olympics? Why?

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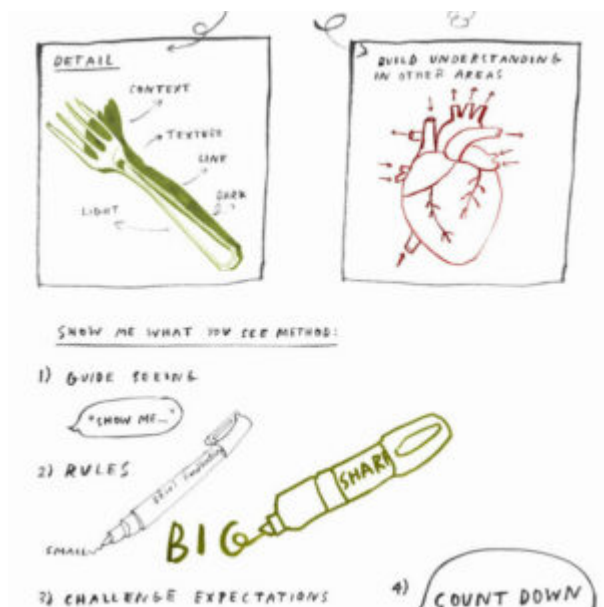
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AccessArt Olympics: Making Medals

[<<Explore Other Olympic Themes](#)

Explore the project below to help pupils consider how they might design an Olympic and Paralympic Medal based on either [Athletics](#), [History](#) or [Olympic Values](#).

Medal Design

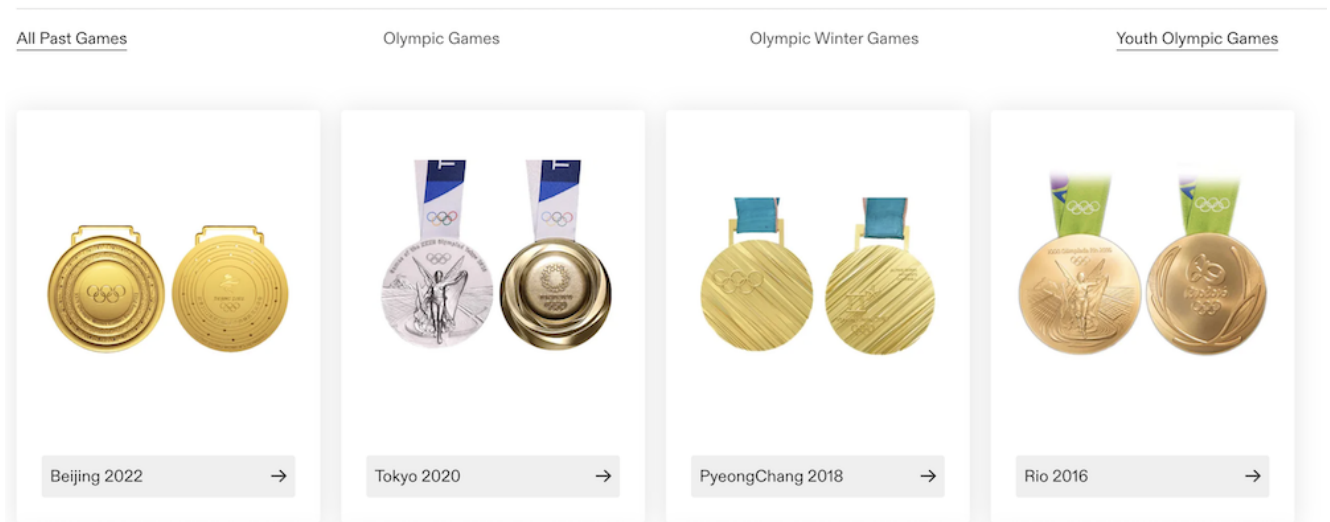
Aim: To introduce pupils to the Olympic and Paralympic Medals. Pupils will get the opportunity to design and make their own medals through drawing and sculpture.

Step 1: Introduce in Sketchbooks

Consider asking pupils to make an Olympic project sketchbook using one of the “[Making Sketchbooks](#)” resources.

Begin by introducing pupils to medals designed for the Olympics and Paralympics with “[Talking Points: Olympic and Paralympic Medals](#)”. Invite pupils to create “[Visual Notes](#)” in their sketchbooks inspired by the information they see.

ALL MEDALS



Step 2: Drawing and Sketchbooks

Use the medals from the previous session as inspiration for “[Making Money! Drawing and](#)

Making". Adapt the resource slightly, inviting pupils to design a medal for their own Olympics/Paralympics. You may like to focus the design process by making links to your local area or individual values/personalities.



Step 3: Making

Make connections between 2D and 3D by transforming the drawn medal designs in clay.

Adapt the "[Clay Portrait Miniatures](#)" resource to accommodate the focus of the project. Pupils might like to create medals to celebrate their favourite sport or hobby.



Step 4: Reflect

[Use the resource here to help you run a class "crit" to finish the project.](#)

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Materials:

Sketchbooks

A3/A2 Paper

Drawing materials

Foam board

Card template

Air-drying clay

Rolling pins

Burlap/hessian mat

Wooden battens

Tools for clay

Clay Slip ([see preparation in advance](#))

Soft wire to make a hanging loop

Wire cutters

Small pliers

Adaptations:

You may like to include a historical context, for example Ancient Greece. Use the "[Clay Art Medals](#)" resource and create profiles on the medals inspired by [Ancient Greek coins](#).

If you would like to explore [the Values](#) of the Olympics you might like to look at War Medals to see how medals can be designed to represent a specific Value.

Explore Other Resources in Values:



Mascot Design



Friendship Towers



An Olympic Poster

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Athletics



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AccessArt Olympics: Mascot Design

[<<Explore Other Olympic Themes](#)

Explore the project below to help pupils consider how they might design an Olympic and Paralympic Mascot based on either [Olympic Ceremony](#) or [Olympic Values](#).

Mascot Design

Aim: To introduce children to mascot design and explore how they can make characters that represent either an Olympic Value or your local area through drawing, animation and the use of sketchbooks.

Step 1: Introduce Mascots in Sketchbooks

Begin the session by asking pupils to make an Olympic project sketchbook using one of the "[Making Sketchbooks](#)" resources.

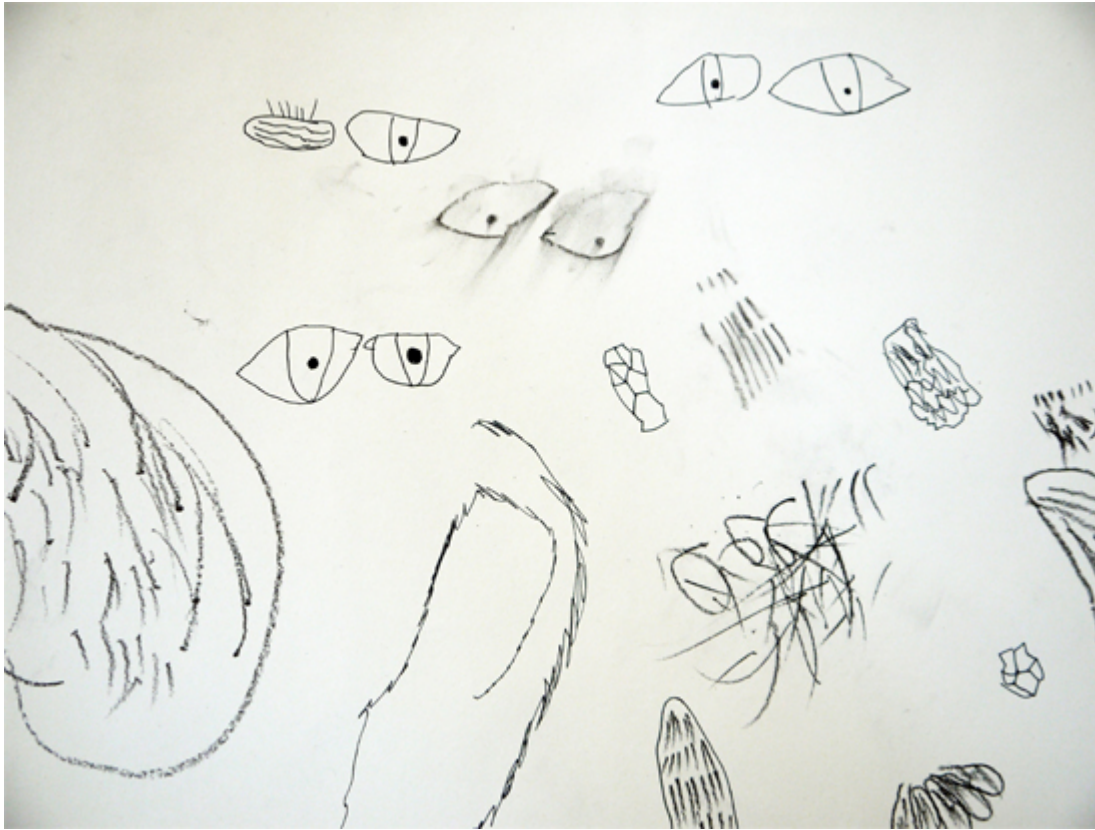
Next, explore "[Talking Points: Olympic and Paralympic Mascots](#)". As pupils watch the videos encourage them to create some "[Visual Notes](#)" in their sketchbooks, considering the different values of the Olympics and the country designing them, and how this might reflect in the mascots.



Step 2: Character Design

Begin by exploring “[Talking Points: Animation Character Design](#)”. Watch the videos and discuss with pupils what they’ve seen.

In sketchbooks, either follow on by adapting the resource “[A School Full of Characters](#)”. Invite children to choose one of the Olympic Values and think about how they might incorporate the value into their character.



Or you may like to adapt the “[Modelling Monsters](#)” resource as inspiration for creating characters inspired by animals.



Step 3: Animating

If you have time, consider introducing pupils to some animation with the resource "[Animating a walk cycle](#)" and make their characters come to life.

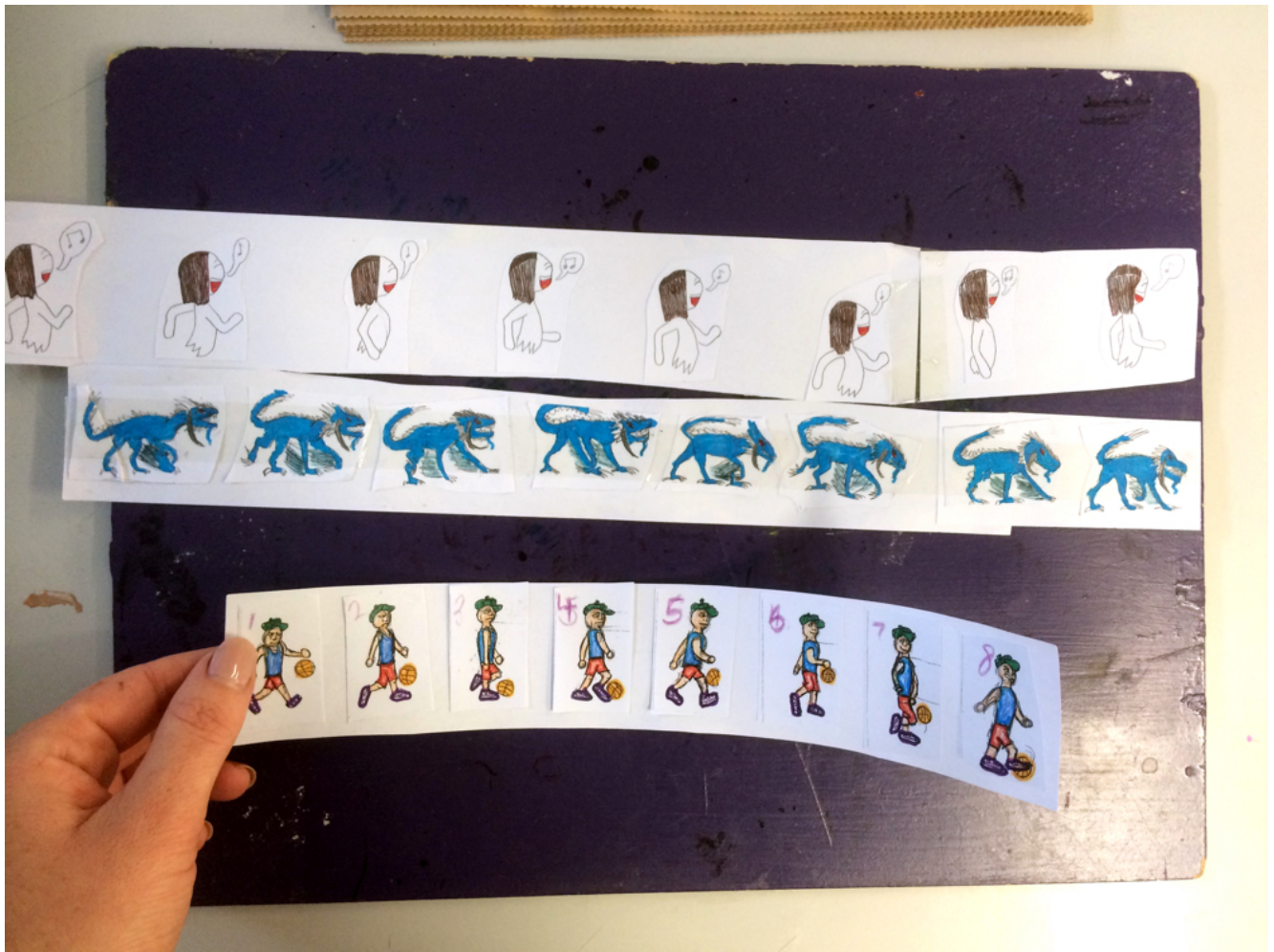


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Materials:

Sketchbooks

Drawing materials

Scissors

Cards

Wooden Skewer

Plasticine (Optional)

Tablet (Optional)

Adaptations:

This pathway supports both the '[Values](#)' and '[Ceremony](#)' topics. Ensure you change the focus of Mascot Design according to the topic you choose.

Think about resources within the local area that you could visit, you may find inspiring artefacts at local museums or galleries nearby.

If you would like to give pupils the opportunity to try animating on Tablets, you might like to see the resource "[Explore Digital Animation](#)".

Instead of animating your mascot, take it into stitch and adapt "[Make a Stitched Drawing](#)" to create colourful textiles.

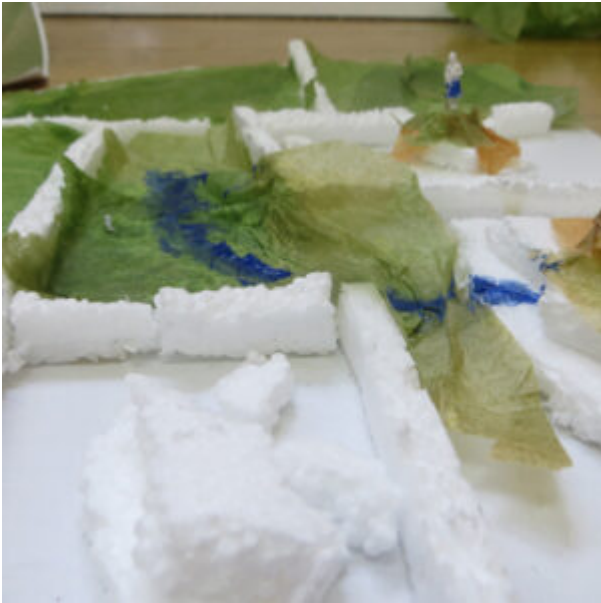
Explore Other Resources in Ceremony:



Friendship Tower



Stadium Design



Mapping and Modelling

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**AccessArt Olympics: Olympic
Posters**

[<<Explore Other Olympic Themes](#)

Explore the project below to help pupils consider how they might create an Olympic Poster inspired by the [Olympic Values](#).

An Olympic Poster

Aim: To introduce pupils to the ethos of the Olympics and create a body of work in response. Pupils will get the opportunity to practise collaging skills to create a poster based on an Olympic value.

Step 1: Introduce in Sketchbooks

Consider asking pupils to make an Olympic project sketchbook using one of the “[Making Sketchbooks](#)” resources.

Begin by introducing pupils to the Olympic and Paralympic ethos and the 3 values Friendship, Respect and Excellence with “[Talking Points: The Olympic Ethos](#)”.

Follow on by introducing pupils to the idea that each Olympic and Paralympic games has an Olympic Design team who captures the essence of the host city through design. Explore “[Talking Points: Olympic Design](#)” and invite pupils to create “[Visual Notes](#)”.



Step 2:

Invite pupils to create posters adapting the “[Drawing With Scissors](#)” resource. Depending on the ability of your pupils you can either focus on creating collages and colour mixing, or you can follow the project through to screen printing.

Take inspiration from photographs taken at the Olympics and Paralympics on [Getty images](#) or [Istock](#). Or explore the [Paris 2024 Olympic Poster by Ugo Gattoni](#).

If pupils need any interventions you can introduce them to some of the Olympian artists with “[Talking Points: Olympian Artists](#)”.



Step 4: Reflect

[Use the resource here to help you run a class "crit" to finish the project.](#)

Invite children to display the work in a clear space on tables or on the wall. Recap with them about the exploration – where they started, what they discovered and what they enjoyed.

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Materials:

Sketchbooks

Drawing materials

A3 Cartridge paper

A3 Coloured/Sugar paper

Scrap paper (old painted paper)

Acrylic Paint

Scissors

PVA glue

Print screen mesh (optional)

Squeegees (optional)

Printing medium thickener (optional)

Adaptations:

If you would like to screenprint but don't have the equipment, you can use this [simple screenprint hack](#).

You can focus on historical photographs from the Olympics, encouraging pupils to mix in grey hues or to use their imaginations to make up the colours.

Explore Other Resources in Values:



Mascot Design



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Talking Points: The Olympic Ethos

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Olympic Values

“The three values of Olympism are excellence, respect and friendship. They constitute the foundation on which the olympic movement builds its activities to promote sport, culture and education with a view to building a better world.

The original values of Olympism as expressed in the Olympic Charter were to “encourage effort”, “preserve human dignity” and “develop harmony”.

Over time, they have evolved and are now expressed in more contemporary terms as:

- Striving for excellence and encouraging people to be the best they can be.
- Demonstrating respect in many different manners: respect towards yourself, the rules, your opponents, the environment, the public, etc.
- Celebrating friendship, which is quite unique

to the Olympic Games – an event that brings people together every few years.

This is the idea of setting your rivalries aside. There is more that unites us than divides us.

Olympism is a philosophy of life, exalting and combining in a balanced whole the qualities of body, will and mind. Blending sport with culture and education, Olympism seeks to create a way of life based on the joy found in effort, the educational value of good example and respect for universal fundamental ethical principles.

The goal of the Olympic Movement is to contribute to building a peaceful and better world by educating youth through sport practiced without discrimination of any kind and in the Olympic spirit, which requires mutual understanding with a spirit of friendship, solidarity and fair play.” – [IOC](#)

Download a [pdf](#) about Olympism and the Olympic values.

Questions to Ask Children

How can you bring the values of the Olympics into your everyday life?

Which Olympic value is your favourite and why?

If you could make up your own Olympic value, what would it be and why?

The Olympic Rings

Questions to Ask Children

What do you think the 5 rings represent?

Being an Olympian

Questions to Ask Children

What do you see in these videos?

Can you spot any Olympic Values in action? Where?

How do the videos make you feel? Why?

The Olympian Refugee Team

Questions to Ask Children

Why is it important that there is an Olympic team for refugee communities? What is the purpose and how does it align with the Olympic ethos?

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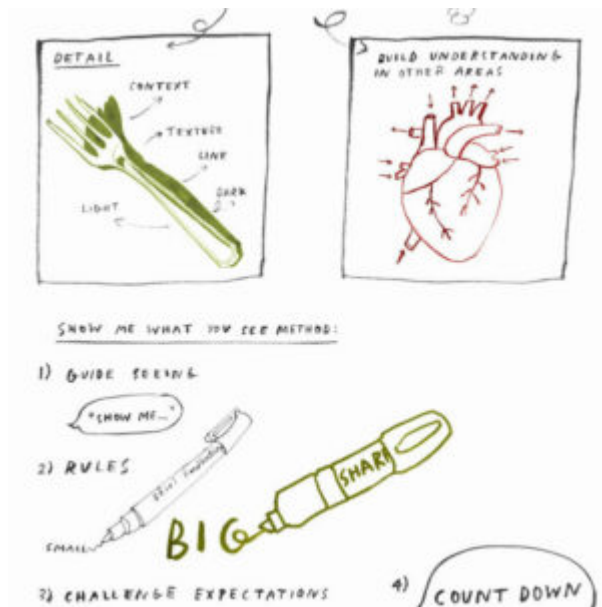
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AccessArt Friendship Towers

Olympics:

[<<Explore Other Olympic Themes](#)

Explore the project below to help pupils consider how they might create a collaborative sculpture inspired by the [Olympic Values](#) or [Ceremony](#).

Friendship Towers

Aim: To introduce pupils to the ethos of the

Olympics and create a body of work in response. Pupils will get the opportunity to practise their making skills and will go on to create a collaborative sculptural piece based on the Olympic values.

Step 1: Introduce

Begin by introducing pupils to the Olympic and Paralympic ethos and the 3 values Friendship, Respect and Excellence with “[Talking Points: The Olympic Ethos](#)”. Watch the videos and invite pupils to create “[Visual Notes](#)” in their sketchbooks inspired by what they see and hear. Prompt discussion using the questions.



Step 2: Make

Using the “[Prompt Cards for Making](#)” as inspiration, devise your own challenges for the

children such as...

“Make something which represents friendship.”

“Make a team of things.”



Step 3: Continue Making and Sketchbooks

Decide whether you would like the friendship tower to celebrate the values through an exploration of nationalities, athleticism or the opening ceremony performance.

Use “[Drawing Source Material: Ceremonies and Celebrations](#)” to explore the performances, costumes and national teams in the Olympic ceremonies.

Or if your class is using athletics to celebrate the values then explore the videos in “[Drawing Source Material: Athletes in Action](#)”.

Invite pupils to draw what they can see in their

sketchbooks. See “[Show Me What You See](#)” to find out how to run the guided session.



Follow on by using the “[Friendship Tower](#)” resource, inspired by the work done so far.

Invite pupils to think about a position of their figures. Are the sculptures waving to the crowd? Performing a dance? Playing a sport together? Invite pupils to think about what the figures are wearing and how that reflects who they are and what they do.



Step 4: Reflect

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A3 Cartridge Paper

Drawing materials

Making Materials: Card, Coffee stirrers and/or lolly sticks, Twigs, Foam board, Toothpicks, Wire, String, scrap fabric etc

Soft wire

Wire cutters

Plaster for the plinth or wooden base, and a stick

Modroc

Acrylic Paint

Adaptations:

Ensure you adapt the content to align with the focus of the project, ie. [Ceremony](#) or [Values](#).

You might like to focus on designing clothing, using the sculptures as mannequins. Incorporate and adapt “[Fashion Designs with Painted and Decorated Paper](#)”.

Explore Other Resources in Values:



[Mascot Design](#)



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Talking Points: Animation Character Design

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Pixar: Designing Inside Out Characters

Pixar Animation Studios' character art director Albert Lozano joins Variety's David Cohen to reveal the thinking behind the ingenious emotions of the hit "Inside Out." – [Variety](#)

Questions to Ask Children

Can you think of some different shapes that you feel describe joy, sadness, anger, fear and disgust?

Which features have the animators used to express the character?

Which character is your favourite? Why?

Kung Fu Panda

Raymond Zibach, Production Designer gives insight into how characters were designed on Kung Fu Panda and the importance actors give to the intricate designs and expressions of their characters. – [ACMI](#)

Questions to Ask Children

What's your favourite animal? What kind of personality might it have?

Which features have the animators used to express the character eg, facial features? nose? eyes? mouth? Or other features?

What Makes Good Character Design?

In this interview series with Disney Animation Studio Artists, animators talk about what is a good character design for each artist. – [MoGraph Mentor](#)

Questions to Ask Children

After watching this video what do you think is the most important feature of character design to you?

Disney Dream Job Series

Questions to Ask Children

What is your favourite animated character, why?

What would you like to see more of in animated characters? This might refer to appearance, values, temperament etc.

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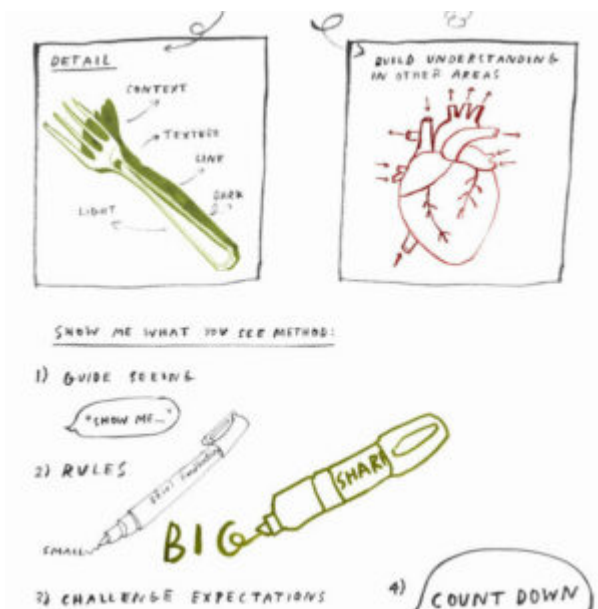
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The Olympic mascots are fictional characters, usually an animal native to the area or human figures, who represent the cultural heritage of the place where the Olympic and Paralympic Games are taking place. Ever since the 1932 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles, the Olympic Games have always had a mascot. – [Wiki](#)

Explore mascots through the ages on the [official Olympics website](#).

Find 3D models of Olympic and Paralympic mascots [here](#).

Paris 2024: Olympic Phryge

The name of the Paris 2024 mascot is Olympic

Phryge, based on the traditional small Phrygian hats that the mascots are shaped after. The name and design were chosen as symbols of freedom and to represent allegorical figures of the French republic.

The Olympic Phryge takes the shape and form of a Phrygian cap. As Paris 2024's vision is to demonstrate that sport can change lives, the mascots will be playing a major role by leading a revolution through sport. The Olympic Phryge is decked out in blue, white and red – the colours of France's famed tricolor flag – with the golden Paris 2024 logo emblazoned across its chest. – [IOC](#)

Questions to Ask Children

Why did the Paris Design Team choose a hat as their mascot?

What kind of personality do you think this mascot might have?

What do you like or dislike about the mascot? Why?

London 2012: [Wenlock](#)

Created by Iris Design agency. According to the story by [Michael Morpurgo](#), Wenlock's metallic look is explained by the fact that he was made from one of the last drops of steel used to build the Olympic Stadium in London.

The light on his head is based on those found on

London's famous black cabs. The shape of his forehead is identical to that of the Olympic Stadium roof. His eye is the lens of a camera, filming everything he sees. On his wrists, he wears five bracelets in the colours of the Olympic rings. And the three points on his head represent the three places on the podium for the medal winners. – [IOC](#)

Questions to Ask Children

What kind of personality do you think this mascot might have?

What do you like or dislike about the mascot? Why?

The mascot was designed to capture the spirit of London (vibrant, diverse, busy etc), how it could be adapted to reflect your local area?

Rio 2016: [Vinicius and Tom](#)

Designed by Birdo Produções, Vinicius is a mix of different Brazilian animals. His design takes inspiration from pop culture, as well as video game and animation characters. Alongside his Paralympic Games colleague, Vinicius represents the diversity of the Brazilian people and culture, as well as its exuberant nature. – [IOC](#)

Questions to Ask Children

Describe the different features you can see in the mascots.

Why do you think Brazil chose to create an mascots based on nature?

What kind of personality do you think the mascot(s) might have?

What do you like or dislike about the mascot(s)? Why?

Brazil is home to the biggest rainforest and most famous carnival in the world. Do you think the mascots reflect Rio? Why?

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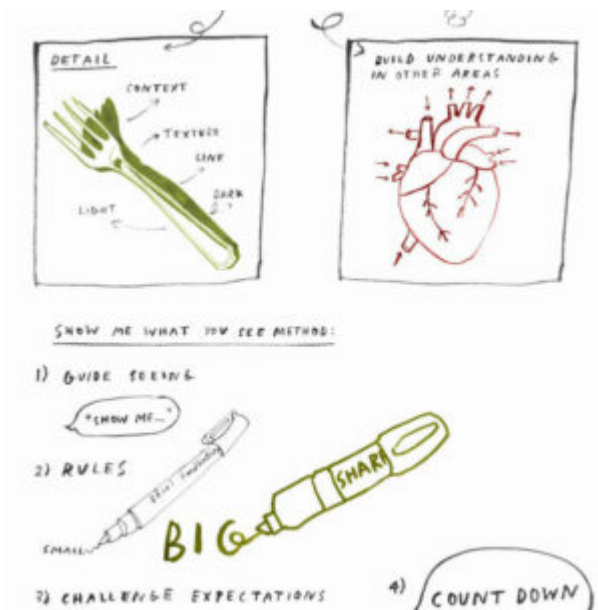
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Olympic and Paralympic Medal Design

“The gold, silver and bronze medals awarded to competitors at the Olympics and Paralympics represent the highest levels of athletic achievement at the Games. The design of the medals is the responsibility of the host city’s organizing committee, and varies with each edition of the Games.” – olympics.com

Explore the videos and resources below to focus a discussion about medal design.

See medals and other artefacts from past Paralympic games in 3D [here](#).

Paris 2024

“On each medal, original iron from the Eiffel

Tower was cut into a hexagon, the geometric shape that evokes France to the point of becoming its nickname. Placed in the centre and embossed with the emblem of the Paris 2024 Games, this piece of heritage fits elegantly among the gold, silver and bronze to give the medals a two-tone effect. ” Find out more at [Olympics.com](https://olympics.com).

Questions to Ask Children

What can you see?

What does the medal represent?

Do you like the medal design? Why?

Is there a significant object in your life you might incorporate into a medal? Why?

Rio 2016 Paralympic Medals

The medals for the Paralympic games in 2016 had a distinct rattling noise so that visually impaired athletes could distinguish between the gold, silver and bronze medals.

Questions to Ask Children

How else might you make a medal accessible for those with visual impairments?

Vancouver 2010

Choose clips from this video to show as not all of it may be accessible for younger pupils.

Questions to Ask Children

Does this medal challenge your existing ideas of what a medal looks like? Why?

What can you identify on the medal?

Olympic and Paralympic Medals

Find images and information about past Olympic and Paralympic medals [here](#).

ALL MEDALS

All Past Games

Olympic Games

Olympic Winter Games

Youth Olympic Games



Beijing 2022



Tokyo 2020



PyeongChang 2018



Rio 2016



Questions to Ask Children

Which is your favourite medal and why?

Can you find out how the images on the medals are designed to represent the country? eg. geographical landscape, historic moment etc

How Are Olympic Medals Made?

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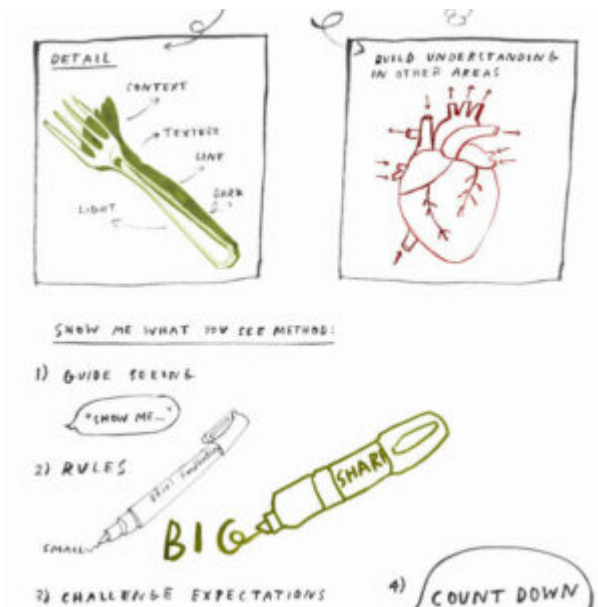
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