

Art Appreciation: 4th grade

Sculpture/Gutzon Borglum: Mount Rushmore

1-Introduction to "medium" in relation to sculpture.

What does "medium" mean in art?

A **medium** in **art** is an object or item used to make the piece of **art** that you are making.

Examples: Paint brush to canvas/pencils to sketches on paper/piano to music/clay to sculpture.

2- Today's lesson and artist is about the art form of Sculpture. What are some possible "mediums" for sculpture?

Examples:

Clay,

Stone (granite, marble, concrete)

Steel (welded together)

Wax (Madame Tussauds Museums)

Food (chocolate)

Glass (blow heated glass to create sculptures)

Sand

Ice

3- Gutzon Borglum was a famous American artist who used granite as a medium for his sculptures. Mount Rushmore was his most famous piece of work.

Read from the book *Mount Rushmore: From Mountain to Monument* (Arl Hts Memorial Library: J/978.393/Gabriel)

4- Show video www.timeforkids.com/rushmore (3 minutes)

5- Introduce student project: Sculpture

Medium: Clay

Topic: A figure that inspires them

6- Pass out Parent letter/summary of lesson for backpack mail.