

Art Appreciation



Mount Rushmore

1927-1941

By: Gutzon Borglum

Today your child learned about Mount Rushmore in Art Appreciation. This project took 14 years to complete, with the concept starting back in 1927, and the end of construction in 1941 (the project was never actually completed to Borglum's design as he planned them being carved to the waist). Here are other items we covered in this presentation.

- The background and other works of the artist, Gutzon Borglum (1867-1941).
- The timeline and other important people within the making of Mount Rushmore viewing a "pop-up" presentation called "Carving the Mountain" on www.PBS.org.
- Viewed an excerpt from "Mount Rushmore" (made by American Experience, produced through PBS Home Video) that told of the workers and how systems of Classical Greek Sculpture were used to create a piece of this scale.

We finished the presentation with the class each sculpting their own version of an American figure that has inspired them, as Mr. Borglum did with the four Presidents of Mount Rushmore.