

8th Grade Clay Sculpture Project

Teacher Name: **Mr. Michel**

Student Name: _____

CATEGORY	10	8	6	4
Design/Composition	Student applies design principles (such as unity, contrast, balance, movement, direction, emphasis, and center of interest) with great skill.	Student applies design principles (such as unity, contrast, balance, movement, direction, emphasis, and center of interest) with fair skill.	Student tries to apply design principles (such as unity, contrast, balance, movement, direction, emphasis, and center of interest) but the overall result is not pleasing.	The student does not appear to be able to apply most design principles to his/her own work.
Clay Skill	Application of clay is preplanned and done in a logical, sequential manner.	Clay is modeled in a careful, logical manner. Values remain sharp and texture is evident.	Control is somewhat lacking. There are ragged edges and failure of certain areas of pattern/texture may be evident. The clay tile is failing part due to poor craftsmanship.	Student needs to work on controlling the clay and preplanning pencil application. There are ragged edges, lack of texture, are evident throughout the clay.
Capturing A Style/Artist	Clay is modeled in a manner very consistent with the technique or artist being studied.	Clay is modeled in a manner that is reasonably consistent with the technique or artist being studied.	An attempt has been made to manipulate the clay in a manner that is consistent with the technique or artist being studied, but it is not effective.	No attempt has been made to form the clay in a manner that is consistent with the technique or artist being studied.
Use of materials	Student typically keeps sculpture materials and area clean and protected without reminders. The student shows great respect for the materials and his fellow students.	Student typically adequately cleans materials and work area at the end of the session without reminder, but the area may be messy during the work session. Student shows respect for materials and fellow students.	Student adequately cleans and takes care of materials if reminded. Occasional spills and messy work area may be seen. Shows some respect for materials and fellow students.	Student deliberately misuses materials AND/OR does not adequately clean materials or area when reminded. Shows little respect for materials or fellow students.
Time/Effort	Class time was used wisely. Much time and effort went into the planning and design of the mask. It is clear the student worked at home as well as at school.	Class time was used wisely. Student could have put in more time and effort at home.	Class time was not always used wisely, but student did do some additional work at home.	Class time was not used wisely and the student put in no additional effort.
Planning and Explanation	Student can describe in detail at any point during the drawing process how s/he envisions the final product and how they intend to reach their goal. Very focused and goal-oriented.	Student can somewhat describe how s/he envisions the final product and can describe some of the steps s/he will use to reach the goal. Focused with some planning.	Student can describe how s/he envisions the final product but finds it difficult to describe how s/he will reach that goal. Has set a goal, but let's things evolve in somewhat random manner.	Student has thought very little about the project. Is present but is not invested in the product.
Knowledge Gained - Technique	Student can accurately name 5 characteristics of the technique being studied and describe how these 5 characteristics are used in his/her own clay sculpture.	Student can accurately name 4 characteristics of the technique being studied and describe how these 4 characteristics are used in his/her own clay sculpture.	Student can accurately name 3 characteristics of the technique being studied and describe how 2-3 of these characteristics are used in his/her own clay sculpture.	Student cannot accurately name 3 characteristics of the technique being studied OR cannot describe how characteristics relate to his/her own work.
Knowledge Gained - Artists	When shown 3 different arrays of 4 pictures, the student accurately chooses 3 pictures done by the artist(s) being studied. The student can give reasons for his choice that relate to techniques used by the artist or source materials used during the project.	When shown 3 different arrays of 4 pictures, the student accurately chooses 2 pictures done by the artist(s) being studied. The student can give reasons for his choice that relate to techniques used by the artist or source materials used during the project.	When shown 3 different arrays of 4 pictures, the student accurately chooses 2-3 pictures done by the artist(s) being studied. The student, however, cannot explain his/her choices.	Student does not recognize 2 works by the artist being studied.
Drawing	Sculpture is expressive and detailed. Shapes, patterns, shading and/or texture are used to add interest to the clay sculpture. Student has great control and is able to experiment a little.	Clay sculpture is expressive and somewhat detailed. Little use has been made of pattern, shading, or texture. Student has basics, but had not "branched" out.	Clay sculpture has few details. It is primarily representational with very little use of pattern, shading or texture. Student needs to improve control.	The clay sculpture lacks almost all detail OR it is unclear what the drawing is intended to be. Student needs to work on control.
Creativity	Student has taken the technique being studied and applied it in a way that is totally his/her own. The student's personality/voice comes through.	Student has taken the technique being studied and has used source material as a starting place. The student's personality comes through in parts of the clay sculpture project.	Student has copied some of their sculpture from the source material. There is little evidence of creativity, but the student has done the assignment.	Student has not made much attempt to meet the requirements of the assignment.