LIFELIKE IN 3-D



The world of SCULPTURES, MASKS and MODELS

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Dear Reader

A sculptor is someone who sculpts, moulds or creates something in 3-D from materials such as stone, metal or clay.

MEET PAST AND PRESENT SCULPTORS AND THEIR SCULPTURES!

We're all sculptors. From the time we are very young, we make sculptures by:

- moulding mud to make mud pies
- packing sand into sandcastles
- making shapes out of playdough
- using plasticine, clay and papier-maché to make all kinds of lifelike shapes.

In this book you'll meet famous sculptors, see famous sculptures and view 3-D models that were created for a famous wax museum.

I hope you enjoy reading this book as much as I enjoyed writing it!

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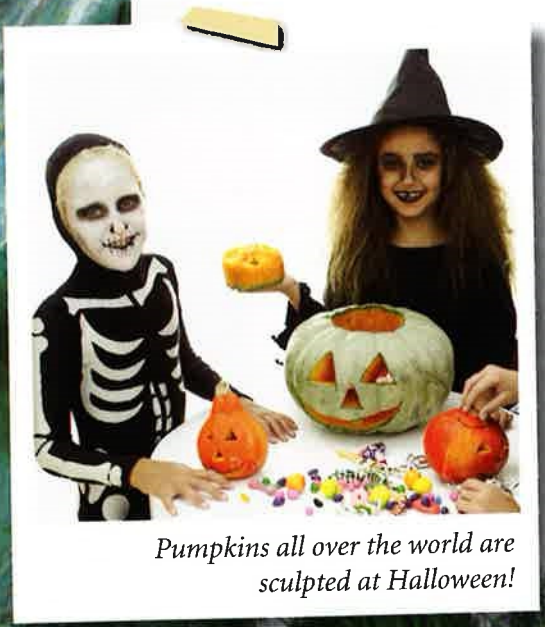
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1 Lifelike Sculptures

What is **Sculpture?**

Sculpture is the process of creating something in three dimensions (3-D), using materials such as stone, wood, bronze and even pumpkins!



Pumpkins all over the world are sculpted at Halloween!

Sculptures can be seen in art galleries, parks and on the streets. We can also wear sculptures, such as masks, jewellery or hats. Sometimes a model is made as part of planning a sculpture.

A SCULPTOR

A sculptor is a person who creates 3-D sculptures from two-dimensional (2-D) drawings or ideas.

Trivia Sculptor Facts

Imagine you're in a trivia game, being asked questions about famous sculptors, sculptures and artists.

A World-Famous Sculptor

Q: Name one of the most famous sculptors in the world.

A: ***Michelangelo Buonarroti.***



Michelangelo

A World-Famous Artist

Q: Was Leonardo da Vinci more famous as a sculptor or a painter?

A: ***He was more famous for his drawings and paintings, such as the Mona Lisa, and less for his sculpture.***

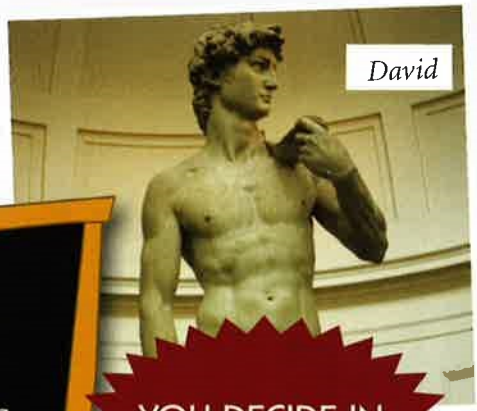


Mona Lisa

A World-Famous Sculpture

Q: What was Michelangelo's most famous sculpture?

A: ***The statue of David.***



David



YOU DECIDE IN CHAPTER TWO

Trivia Sculpture Facts

The Tallest Sculpture

Q: What is the tallest sculpture in the world?

A: ***It is called the Spire of Dublin, in Ireland. It is 121.2 metres tall, and was built in 2003 with the help of a very tall crane.***

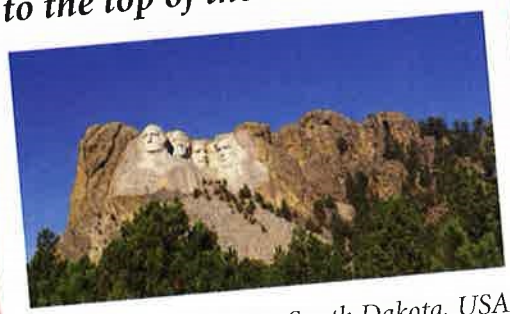


Spire of Dublin, Dublin, Ireland

A Famous Mountain Sculpture

Q: What is a famous mountain sculpture in the USA?

A: ***Mount Rushmore has granite carvings of the faces of four presidents of the USA. Each face measures about 18 metres from each chin to the top of the head.***



Mount Rushmore, South Dakota, USA

History

Who Are the Presidents on Mount Rushmore?



Mount Rushmore presidents

The four presidents of the USA on Mount Rushmore from left to right are: George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln.

After 14 years of work, the mountain sculpture was finished in 1941. Each president's nose is about six metres long!

A Massive Sculpture

Q: What is the largest sculpture in Egypt?

A: ***The Great Sphinx of Giza, which has a lion's body and a woman's face. It was carved in a limestone quarry in 2500 BC.***



the Great Sphinx of Giza, Egypt

The Largest Mountain Sculpture

Q: What will be the largest mountain sculpture in the world when it's finished?

A: ***Crazy Horse Memorial in the USA is a sculpture of a warrior on his horse. When finished it will be over 170 metres tall. It was started in 1948 and is still being built.***



Crazy Horse Memorial, South Dakota, USA

Location for Large Sculptures

Q: What do Mount Rushmore and the Crazy Horse Memorial have in common?

A: ***Both sculptures are in Black Hills, South Dakota, USA.***

2 Two World-Famous Artists

Michelangelo and Leonardo da Vinci

Michelangelo and Leonardo da Vinci are two great artists who created world-famous art.

Vinci
(Leonardo da Vinci's birthplace)

Caprese
(Michelangelo's birthplace)

Italy

Sardinia

Sicily

What did Michelangelo and Leonardo da Vinci have in common?

They had many things in common:

- both were born around the same time – only 23 years apart
- both were born in Italy, in nearby towns
- both created famous works of art – sculpture, paintings and much more.



Leonardo da Vinci's Biography

Full Name: Leonardo da Vinci

Born: 15 April 1452 **Died:** 2 May 1519, aged 67 years

Leonardo da Vinci had many talents. He was a painter, sculptor, architect, engineer and scientist.

His most famous painting is the *Mona Lisa*. It took at least four years to paint.

His most famous sculpture is of a horse, which he finished to clay model stage. It was destroyed by French armies.



a replica of Leonardo's horse sculpture

Michelangelo's Biography

Full Name: Michelangelo di Lodovico Buonarotti Simoni

Born: 6 March 1475 **Died:** 18 February 1564, aged 89 years

Michelangelo is best known as a painter, sculptor (he also made wax models), architect, poet and wood carver.

His most famous painted work is the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, in Rome. It took four years to paint, lying on his back!

His most famous sculpture is the statue of *David*, which he made out of marble.



Sistine Chapel ceiling

Who do you think was the greater artist – Michelangelo or Leonardo da Vinci? Why?

YOU DECIDE