



Symmetrical Paper Fish

Middle primary / senior primary

LESSON PLAN

TITLE: Symmetrical Paper Fish
YEAR LEVELS: Middle primary / senior primary
TIME FRAME: 1 X 1 hour lesson

LEARNING GOALS

Understand how to create symmetry in an artwork
Develop paper cutting skills

SKILLS

In this lesson students will explore paper craft and symmetry to create a fish shaped artwork. Students will begin by decorating a piece of paper with colour or patterns. Students will then fold the decorated paper in half and draw half a fish shape expanding over the fold with shapes in the middle. This shapes will then be cut out

MATERIALS

Paper
Coloured pencils / pastels/ water colour/ etc
Scissors

ACTIVITY BREAKDOWN

Lesson 1

Speak to students about the term symmetry and discuss the meaning. Analyse artworks and whether they are symmetrical or asymmetrical and how.

Students begin their work by decorating a piece of paper with a material of their choice (pencils, inks, pastels, water colours, etc). Students will then fold this piece of paper in half and on the blank side draw half a fish. This drawing should extend over the fold of the piece of paper. Students will then draw shapes in the middle of their half fish ensuring they do not extend them too close to the line of the fish drawing.

Students will then cut out these shapes and unfold this piece of paper to reveal two symmetrical sides.

REFLECTION / EXTENSION

Reflection: Students Share and compare their works with other classmates discussing the process and what they are happy with and what they could improve on in their art.

Extension: Students can attempt more complicated shapes or try the same technique with different animal shapes.