

Art in the Conservatories Sharing and Activity Sheet for Students

Gardens by the Bay Avatar:

- Visitor Information Manager

Level/ Subject(s):

- Lower Secondary/ Art, English

Learning Objectives:

- Analyse an artwork and identify its visual qualities
- Express thoughts and feelings evoked by artworks
- Deduce the intention of the artist in producing an artwork



Hello students! My name is Vernon. I am the Visitor Information Manager at Gardens by the Bay and I have been helping those like yourself learn more about the Gardens for the past three years. Instead of information on plants, the art pieces in the Flower Dome will take centre stage in today's sharing. Let's begin!

A sculpture is a three-dimensional work of art made by shaping or carving something or by putting things together. Any material that can be shaped in three dimensions can be used to create sculptures. Some common mediums that sculptors work with include clay, metal, fabric, paper, stone and wood.

Did You Know?

Admiring works of art promotes positive emotions and makes one feel good. There are many artworks that have captivated people throughout history, some of which are sculptures.

Gardens by the Bay is home to more than 40 sculptures from around the world. These complement the beauty of the plant displays and add dimension to the landscape in the Gardens.



The Wyvern, a sculpture in Flower Dome

Activity 1: What Do You See?

The first sculpture that we will observe is *Parting* by Zimbabwean sculptor, Colleen Madamombe. Observe the picture below and describe what you see using the questions below as a guide.



Parting by sculptor Colleen Madamombe

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a) What do you think the sculpture is made of?

b) What is being depicted?

c) How do you think they feel about each other? (Hint: Look at their body language – are they standing close to each other or far apart, what is their expression, are they looking at each other, etc.)

d) Who do you think they are and what do you think is their relationship with each other?

Did you manage to guess what the sculpture, *Parting*, is made of?

Springstone is one of the hardest stones used for stone carving in Zimbabwe. It got its name from the fact that the sculptor's chisel will spring away while carving a sculpture from this stone. Now, let's look at another sculpture.

Activity 2: How Do You See It?

A Travelling Family by Bruno Catalano symbolises a family visiting Gardens by the Bay before heading home. Observe the picture below and pen down your thoughts about the sculpture.



A Travelling Family by sculptor Bruno Catalano

a) Describe what you see.

b) What did you discover when you looked at the sculpture?



From the two activities you have completed, you may have noted that art often allows us to look at the world around us using different perspectives. It helps us to recognise things that we may not have known before. Well, that's all for now, till we meet again on our next adventure. See you soon!