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INSPIRED BY ANTIQUITY

Famous artists throughout history have been inspired by ancient artefacts, and have used that inspiration to create beautiful works of art themselves. Now it's your turn to give it a try!

Find your inspiration

Browse the highlights of the online catalogue of the Teece Museum of Classical Antiquities and find an object that inspires you. <http://teecemuseum.nz/collection-highlights/>

Ask yourself some questions about what particularly inspires you about this object. Some things you might like to consider are:

1. Thinking about how it looks, what appeals to you about its colour, design, texture, size, materials it was made from, etc.

2. What emotions does it make you feel?

3. What is its purpose? What was it used for? Was it for everyday people to use? Or was it only for rich and powerful people?

4. What does this object represent? Was it for practical use, or was it to be admired for its beauty? Or both?

5. Does it have a story or theme pictured on it? Or perhaps it has hidden meanings?



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Get Creative!

Once you have some ideas about why you have found this object inspiring, have a think about how you might like to depict or explore that inspiration in your own work of art.

Create your own work of art inspired by your object. Your work of art can take any form you choose. Here are some suggestions:

- a. Visual: painting, drawing, polymer clay sculpture, collage, embroidery. Here's some inspiration: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WpXTZKRwTyY>
- b. Musical: a song, an improvisation on an instrument, a short composition for an instrument or made using a computer programme like Garageband. This piece of music is dedicated to Aphrodite:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fOn8bf7ChBA>
- c. Written: a poem or short story. Here's a poem that was inspired by a painting:
<http://english.emory.edu/classes/paintings&poems/williams.html>
- d. Dance or theatre: you may like to create a short dance or theatrical response to your chosen object. Here's some choreography inspired by Egyptian Art
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k2CJew86cOg>

Share your work

Once you have created your own work, have it photographed or filmed to upload to the Children's University portal.

Include a short paragraph about your piece which tells people:

- e. What object from the online catalogue of the Teece Museum of Classical Antiquities you chose as your inspiration
- f. What you found inspiring about the piece
- g. A title for your own creation
- h. Anything else you think would be interesting for people to know about your creative process