

Unit of Work: Art Appreciation

Lesson Topic: Understanding the work of
Ron Mueck

Grade(s): Grades 5/6

Duration of Lesson: 60 minutes.

Lesson No: 1 of 2

VELS Domain(s): The Arts

VELS Dimension(s): Exploring and responding

Learning Outcome(s) / Standard(s):

Students will discuss Ron Mueck's art works using appropriate language to describe the content, structure and expressive qualities of Ron Mueck's works.

Students will interpret and compare key features of Mueck's works and identify and discuss the purpose as to why they think the works have been created in the way that they have.

Indicators (2 or 3):

Children will be able to explain what type of artist Ron Mueck is and what type of art he creates.

Children will be able to describe the qualities of Ron Mueck's works in terms of the structure, materials used and its expressive qualities. In particular, the sculpture "Two Women".

Children will be able to form their own interpretation of why Ron Mueck has produced the works he has, and how individually, they interpret the specific "In Bed" Sculpture.

Assessment:

Children will create a mind map or poster in small groups to show their understanding of the work that Ron Mueck creates.

Children will produce a written piece of work, outlining their own personal views on the sculpture of "In Bed".

Teaching focus:

To encourage students to broaden their understanding of different artists and the work they produce.

To encourage students to individually interpret and reflect on the works they have been introduced to.

Background to the learning:

Teacher- I have a good understanding of Ron Mueck and the work he produces. I am using my knowledge to now inform my students of the magnificent work that Mueck produces.

Pupil- Students have been introduced to the idea of sculptures and have discussed sculptures they have seen themselves.

In class we have discussed a few sculptures around Melbourne that the students have seen and learned about who the artist is and what they think the story is behind the sculptures.

Lesson Resources:

- Butchers paper
- Textas/pencils
- Art portfolios
- Pens
- Lined Paper
- Interactive whiteboard
- Slide show of Lesson Plan
- Video handout with questions
- “In Bed” handout with questions

Content of Lesson:**1. Introduction**

- Discuss our research into different forms of art that we have been focusing on this term.

- Inform the children that today we will be focusing closely on a particular artist.
- Play the PowerPoint slide show to introduce Ron Mueck.

2. Development

- Once Ron Mueck has been introduced to the children through the PowerPoint. Play the liked YouTube video to allow the students to look more deeply into the artwork of Ron Mueck. (Hand out to be filled in while watching the video).

3. Consolidation and Practice

- Children will then move into small groups to discuss together what they have learnt about Ron Mueck and his sculptures. they are to combine their information and present it on butchers paper in the way of a Poster or a Mind Map.
- Children then need to individually interpret the artwork of Ron Mueck called “In Bed” (last slide on the slideshow). They are to answer the questions on the handout in their art portfolios.

4. Closure

- Group discussion about what the children have learnt about Ron Mueck and the artwork he produces.
- Ask the students to also share with the group how they personally feel about the artwork and what other information they may like to find out.