

Curriculum Title: Tecun Uman Mask

Ages/Group: 5-12

Medium: Paper, markers/coloring pencils/crayons

GOALS/OBJECTIVES	To create and decorate a mask inspired by the Tecún Umán masks of Guatemala. To learn about the history and meaning of Tecún Umán masks.
How do these goals preserve, create, present or promote cultural arts of Mexican Americans or other Latin@ cultures?	This lesson promotes the Guatemalan art form of mask making, and the significance of the Tecún Umán mask in the Mayan/ Guatemalan cultural dance of the Baile.

SUPPLIES NEEDED

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• One large paper plate• Construction paper in various colors,• Length of string, twine, yarn or ribbon for each child in order to tie it on their head (optional)• One set of markers, crayons or coloring pencils• Scissors• Glue stick
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AGENDA

TIME

<u>Warm-up Activity</u> : Each student says their name and their favorite animal	5 mins
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<p><u>Video:</u> Watch Tecún Umán Mask Video (13 mins) Encourage the students to follow the steps as they watch the video, and pause it and unshare the video to give them time to get to the same spot as the video, and to ask any questions.</p> <p><u>Core Activity:</u> Students will create a mask inspired by Tecún Umán Masks</p> <p><u>Discussion Questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who is the hero you chose? What do you like about them? • Which animal did you choose for your hero? Why? <p><u>Vocabulary:</u></p> <p>Conquistador (Kon-Kee-Stah-Door) Name for Spanish and Portuguese invaders of the Americas that together with some native/indigenous allies took over large parts of the American continents. Their regime was very brutal, involving mass murder, forced conversion to Christianity, torture, enslavement, and theft of land, and often betrayal of indigenous allies.</p> <p>Tecún Umán (Teh-Koon Oo-Mahn) National hero of Guatemala. A 16th century prince of the Ki'che Kingdom in what is today Guatemala who died in battle with Spanish conquistadores, becoming a symbol of the fight for the freedom of his people.</p>	45 mins
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