

Fourth Grade
Title: "Eskimo Mask"
Artist: Nunivak Island
Off W Alaska, in the Bering Sea.

EALR'S: Arts

- 1.1.1- Understands art concepts and vocabulary, line, texture, color, value, shapes- geometric shapes (triangle, diamond, square....) and organic shapes, (curvy, natural look, flowing).
- 1.2-Understands art concepts and vocabulary, principals of organization. (Balance, proportion, movement.....).
- 1.3-Understands and applies art styles from various artists' cultures and times.
- 1.4- Applies audience skills in a variety of art settings and performances.
- 2.1- Applies a creative process in the arts.
- 2.3- Applies a responding process to an arts presentation.
- 3.1- Uses the arts to express and present ideas and feeling.
- 3.2- Uses the arts to communicate for a specific purpose.
- 3.3- Develops personal aesthetic criteria to communicate artistic choices.
- 4.2- Demonstrates and analyzes the connections between the arts and other content areas.
- 4.3- Understands how the arts impact lifelong choices.
- 4.4- Understand that the arts shape and reflect culture and history.

Text:

Alaska Native mask made at Mekoryuk on Nunivak Island. These masks used to be used by the natives in their religious beliefs, and ceremonial dances. They are made now only as a commercial item for visitors. They often depict animal life and each mask was designed to tell a story.

Questions:

1. What is this mask made out of? How does an artist make these types of objects?

2. Is the person in the mask happy or sad? Why?

3. What do you think the story is behind this mask?

4. How did the artist use color to show us what is important?

5. What are some of the symbols shown?