

HURON HEIGHTS SECONDARY SCHOOL

GRADE 9 ARTS HURON - NON TRADITIONAL

BIRD SKELETONS

The bird skeleton is a sculptural assignment that will have students create anatomically correct skeletons using hot glue and twigs.

STEP 1

Find an image for a bird skeleton that you think is interesting and would make a good sculpture. (I suggest you collect a number of references then choose the one to use) Collect images of BOTH the image of the bird and its skeleton (can be a diagram or photo).



STEP 2

Create a detailed drawing in your sketchbook of the skeleton you will be building. Pay particular attention to how the bones are connected and the relative size of one bone to another. Include basic information about your bird (1 paragraph to 1 page)

STEP 3

Collect sticks and twigs. You will need some that are a little stronger and probably thicker to support your sculpture, you may also need tiny ones for detailed sections. Pay attention to your specific skeleton

STEP 4

Begin building. We will be using hot glue guns- remember they are hot! Students are encouraged to use gloves to prevent seriously burning themselves. I have black bases that students are free to use to mount their sculptures. Your sculpture will have to be built to scale. Should you make one that is significantly larger or smaller than the provided base, you will need to devise a method to ensure your skeleton will stand. Photograph the process!!



STEP 5

Reffing. Students should have been trimming excess glue along the way but now is the time to make sure that all excess glue is removed. Make sure that your bird is able to stand on its own or is securely mounted to the base. Are there any final changes, or revisions that need to be made?

STEP 6

What were some of the issues that you encountered? How did you overcome these issues?

What did you learn during the process of creating this sculpture? What might you do differently if you were to do this assignment again?

STEP 7

Final documentation of your process. Assemble all your work into a single file. I suggest using a google slide deck. Include the name of your bird, a photo, a diagram of the skeleton, your drawing of the bird skeleton, information about your bird 3-5 photos of your sculpture in progress, photos of your final sculpture taken on a black or white backdrop.

STEP 8

Submit for evaluation



