



Robert Frost

Artist: George Lundeen, American
Title: Robert Frost, 1996
Media: Bronze
Dimensions: 6' h., 4' w.
Owners: St. Louis University

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LOOKING AT ART:

- Using precise language, describe this sculpture in detail.
- As you walk around the figure of Robert Frost and sit next to it, describe the effect it has upon you. Can you relate to it as you would to a real person? Explain your response in detail.

SOCIAL STUDIES:

- The poem “The Road Not Taken” was published in 1916. At this time what major event was occurring in US history? How did this effect the “roads” or opportunities a person had at that point in time? Read the poem and write an essay discussing the above topic.
- Robert Frost won the Pulitzer Prize four times. Research this award; what are the criteria for receiving it, what is the monetary award? List other intrinsic awards that go along with receiving the Prize.
- Extension: Research other awards such as Olympic medals, the Nobel Peace Prize, Academy Awards, and various music awards and come up with an idea for a new award. State the criteria and purpose of the award.

LANGUAGE ARTS:

- The artist states, “ My interest in this sculpture was to capture the idea of a poet in the act.” Script a conversation with Robert Frost as if you were sitting next to him on the bench.
- Read the poem “A Road Not Taken” by Robert Frost. Would this sculpture be as effective if the poem wasn’t a part of it? Write an argumentative paper either in support of its inclusion or against it.

SCIENCE/MATH/TECHNOLOGY:

- This sculpture is one of over 20 identical ones that the artist made. Research the process of bronze casting to find out the exact method used by an artist to produce multiples of the same sculpture using cast bronze.
- Research what contemporary functional products are constructed using cast bronze parts. Make a list of examples in your home or school.

PERFORMING ARTS:

- Have the class compile a list of their favorite musicians, visual artists, poets and writers. Note what objects and settings are associated with each. Class members perform mimes of these artists caught in the act of creating. Create a real-life sculpture gallery and give a tour.

ART PROJECT IDEAS:

- A unique aspect of Lundeen’s sculpture of Robert Frost is that it has a poem incorporated into it. Find a lyric from a song that you like and design a CD insert or a poster that in some way reflects the song’s content and incorporates some of its language as a visual element. Extension: Suggested for use with PhotoShop or similar program.
- Select a favorite poem. Type it into the computer using a typeface chosen specifically for the poem. Position and print text on 8½” X 11” paper. Mount the poem on a piece of drawing paper and design a border to compliment the poem.