

## HOMework 1: "ALEBRIJES" Language Through the Arts

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### CULTURE AND ENTERTAINMENT

**Culture:** The **alebrijes** are imaginary creatures that have elements from different animals such as dragon bodies, bat wings, wolf teeth, and dog eyes. Colorfully painted, they were originally made with papier-mâché but nowadays they are also carved from wood.



**Activity 1.** Watch at the video about the history of Alebrijes. Then Then choose the correct word to complete the paragraph.

### The colorful history of Alebrijes



The alebrijes of Mexico have a **story / history** as colorful as the art itself. It all began in **1936 / 1946** with the artist Pedro Linares. At the age of 30, he **become / became** ill with a fever and began to have some interesting dreams, hallucinations if you will.

During these **dreams / dreamer**, brightly colored **strange / stranger** animals would appear and Linares kept hearing the word alebrijes as he **sleep / slept**, when he woke up Linares began recreating these mysterious animals out of paper mâché. **Sculping / Sculpted** them to display **difference / different** body parts from different animals and painting them in vivid bright colors. No two are exactly alike.

These pieces of are grew in **popular / popularity** and eventually became a staple in the **Tijuana / Oaxaca**, region of Mexico where many are now **made / make** of wood. This celebrated art can be found year-round and on day of the **diet / dead**. when they are placed on **altars / graves**. and used as decorations for this special celebration.

**Activity 2. Design and make your own “alebrije”. Match the pictures with the instruction. Then write the correct order.**

- ☐ • Tear the newspaper into long strips.
- ☐ • Blend mixture with paintbrush until it forms a smooth consistency.
- ☐ • Dip a strip of newspaper into the mixture and remove any excess. Lay the strip over the surface and repeat. Place the object on a covered surface to dry
- ☐ • *Get all the material:* A bowl or large container, white glue, water, your base structure, a paintbrush, and newspaper.
- ☐ • Find a surface you want to papier-mâché. Examples include a balloon, cardboard or a molded figure.
- ☐ • Glue mixture: Pour 2-parts white glue and 1-part water into a mixing bowl.
- ☐ • Color it.



**Activity 3. Label the words with the correct part of the “alebrije”.**

