

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 Colorfully painted, they were originally made with papier-mâché but nowadays they are also carved from wood.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 / Oxaca**, 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”.

