



Sculpture






Type of Sculpture

Historically, there are three main types of sculpture: **modelling**, **carving** and **joining**. However, there are a wide variety of materials that modern artists use to create their work. For example: stone has been used throughout history as the main material to sculpt monuments. See **Mount Rushmore** above, which shows past presidents of the United States. Whereas, in other parts of the world and history, other materials have been used for sculpture. Marble was incredibly popular among the Greeks and Roman.

There are several elements that define sculpture and other 3D artworks. These include: mass and space, shape and colour, repetition and continuity, balance, texture and proportion. Most sculptures will use many, or all of these elements.

Sculptures from around the world

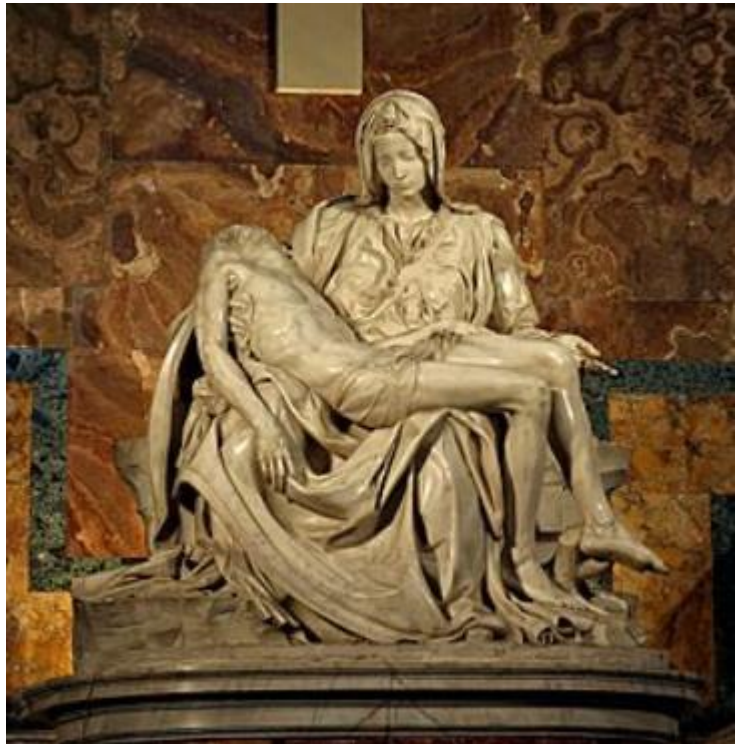
Do you recognise any of these famous works of art?

<p>The Angel of the North (Newcastle, UK)</p> 	<p>The Terracotta Army (China)</p> 	<p>The Great Sphinx (Egypt)</p> 
<p>Statue of Liberty (USA)</p>	<p>Les Voyageurs (France)</p>	<p>Release in Howick (South Africa)</p>



Famous Artist

Michelangelo is a very famous artist and sculpture is just one of his talents. He was born on 6th March 1475 and later died on 18th February 1564. He is often called a "Renaissance man" which means that he had great talent in many areas. When he was young, he was a very sickly child and moved to the countryside for his health. This is where he first began to explore sculpture. He lived on a small farm with a stonecutter, his wife and family. The stonecutter worked at a marble quarry owned by Michelangelo's father. It was here where he was trained to use a chisel and hammer. At the age of 21, he moved to Rome and was commissioned to create several pieces of art work, which would later become very well-known. One of these includes: "The Pieta" which shows the Virgin Mary with the body of Jesus in her lap after the Crucifixion.



Example Questions

1. What are the three main types of sculpture?
2. Name one famous sculpture and where it is located?
3. Why did Michelangelo become a sculptor?
4. What material did the Greeks and Romans use in their sculptures?
5. What sculpture is Mount Rushmore and where can it be found?



Challenge

Research one of the famous sculptures from around the world, or alternatively chose your own. In this research you must include: the name of the sculpture, it's artist (if possible), where it was made and why it was made. Then, have a go at recreating your chosen sculpture with materials you have around your house.