



Lehigh University Art Galleries

LUAG@Home: Exploring the Outdoor Sculpture Collection

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What is a Sculpture?

A sculpture is a three-dimensional work of art. Sculptures can stand on their own, be raised on a platform, or hang from above.

You can look at a sculpture from multiple sides. When looking at a sculpture, some questions you can think of are:

- What is it made of?
- How many separate pieces are there?
- What shapes do you see?
- What do you think it looks like?

VOCABULARY

3-DIMENSIONAL SHAPES ARE FIGURES THAT HAVE HEIGHT, WIDTH AND DEPTH SO THAT THEY APPEAR TO “POP-OUT” AT YOU.

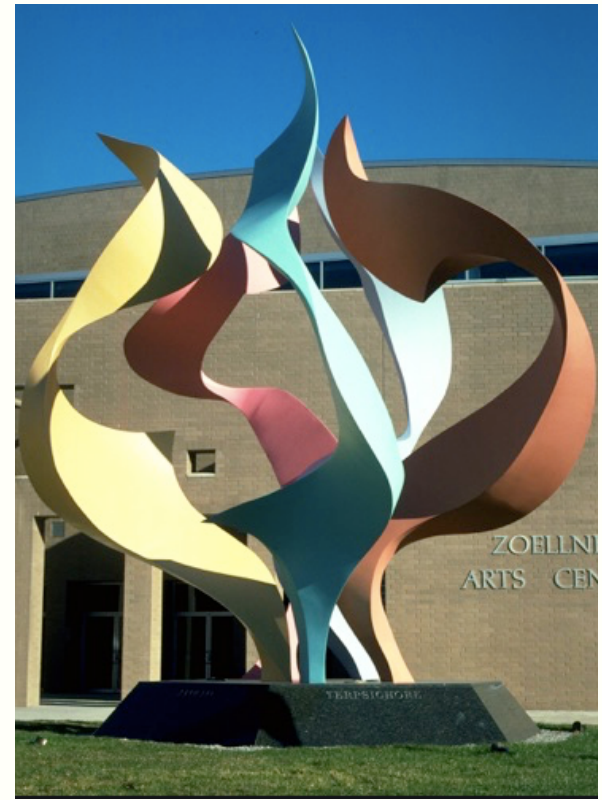
FORM IS THREE-DIMENSIONAL AND ENCLOSES SPACE. LIKE A SHAPE, A FORM HAS LENGTH AND WIDTH, BUT IT ALSO HAS DEPTH. FORMS ARE EITHER GEOMETRIC OR FREE-FORM/ORGANIC.

TEXTURE CAN BE ACTUAL, OR TACTILE, WHICH MEANS IT CAN REALLY BE FELT; OR IT CAN BE IMPLIED OR VISUAL TEXTURE, WHICH JUST LOOKS AS IF THERE ARE TEXTURES ON A SURFACE THAT'S REALLY SOFT, ROUGH, OR SMOOTH TO THE TOUCH.

Sculpting Activity

When creating a sculpture, artists are often inspired by the people and places that surround them. They also find inspiration from stories that they hear.

On the right, this sculpture, "In a State of Rejuvenescence" by David Cerulli was inspired by the muses in Greek mythology. He decided to depict the muses of the arts as five, colored flames.



Create a sculpture of your own! Some great ways to brainstorm are:

- thinking of people, places, or things that inspire you
- approaching a topic from a new angle
- talking to your friends and family about what inspires them

Materials:

- Model Magic
- Sticks or skewers
- Cardboard
- Markers
- Scissors
- Anything else you have at home



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