

Meet Hanuman



Hanuman | India, Tamil Nadu, Late Chola period, around 1200. Bronze



DID YOU KNOW? Rama defeated Ravana and his demon army with the help of the monkey army led by Hanuman. In addition to being strong and clever, **Hanuman was also a loyal friend.**

LIST three features that shows he is different from others you have met so far.

WHAT do you think the sculpture is made of?

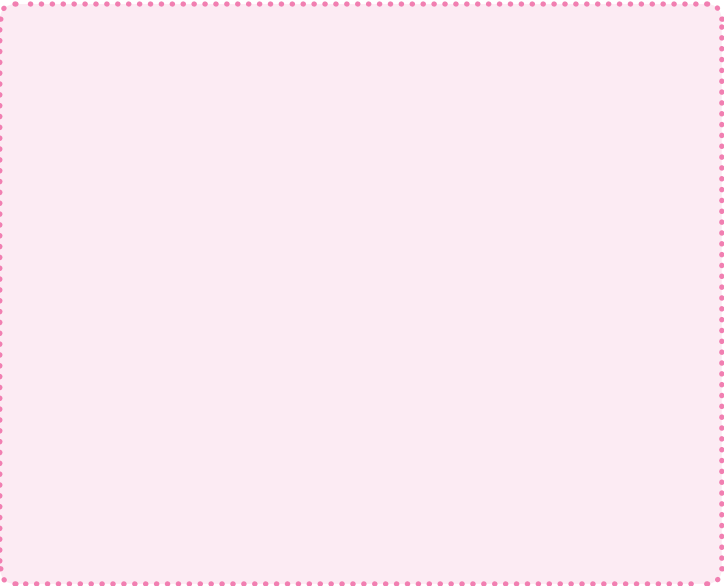
WHY do you think this material was used to create this sculpture?

HOW long do you think a craftsman would take to create this sculpture?

WHY do you say so?



Hanuman fought bravely alongside Rama to defeat Ravana, the demon king. **HOW** does he look like? **DRAW** Ravana! (Hint: He has 10 heads!)



Suitable for ages 10 and up

ADVENTURES IN INDIA

HOW RAVANA GOT HIS POWER

The Ramayana tells the story of how Prince Rama from Ayodhya, India, rescued his wife, Sita. She had been kidnapped by the multi-headed demon king Ravana. With the help of the monkey army headed by Hanuman, Rama goes to war against Ravana and defeats him.

Explore the galleries in pairs. Meet Ravana, the demon king, and other interesting Hindu gods in this trail.



Explore the activities with the magnifying glass symbol if you have completed the main questions at each station.

Name of Explorer

Meet Ganesha



Ganesha | India, Tamil Nadu, 18th or 19th century. Bronze



DID YOU KNOW?

Ganesha is a god that Hindus like Ravana pray to first when they enter the temple. The snake was used as a belt to hold his stomach in. **His rounded belly represents knowledge and luck.**

DESCRIBE Ganesha in three words.

WHAT do you think the sculpture is made of?

SPOT and **CIRCLE** on the image where you can find these hidden symbols.

Snake Rounded belly Broken tusk

Meet Rama



Shri Rama | India, Karnataka, 19th century. Leather



DID YOU KNOW?

Ravana was said to be a devotee of the Hindu god Shiva. **He was also said to be very clever and a talented musician who won Shiva over with his music**

LOOK closely at his face, weapon and attire, and write in one sentence how Rama would **DESCRIBE** himself.

FIND Ravana in a battle scene with Rama.
WHAT is he doing?
(Hint: The scene can be found on a piece of cloth)

Meet Shiva and his family



Somaskanda | India, Tamil Nadu, around 12th century (late Chola period). Bronze

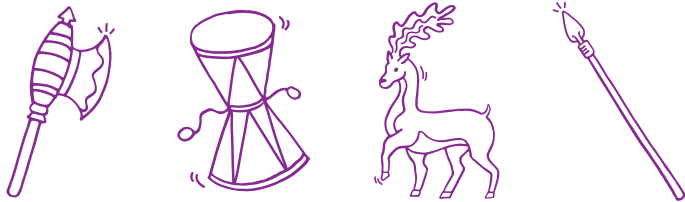
LOOK closely at his face and his posture.
CIRCLE the words that you think describe him best.

Fearsome Kind Elegant

Powerful Flexible Calm

EXPLAIN why you chose the words you did based on your observations.

CIRCLE the items that Shiva is carrying in his hands.



LET'S DISCUSS!

WHY does he carries these items?



ACT IT OUT!

STRIKE a pose like him.
Maintain the pose for 5 seconds.



DID YOU KNOW?

In Hinduism, **Shiva is known as the god of dance and the destroyer.** Shiva presented Ravana with a special sword as a reward for being so pious.