

A BODY SCULPTURE

Level: Primary 2nd Year (Natural Science)

Time: 2 sessions

Materials:

- ✔ pipe cleaners
- ✔ tin foil

**Sir Antony
Gormley**



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FUN FACTS

- ✔ The British sculptor is best known for his sculpture *The Angel of the North* and *Another Place* on Crosby Beach in the UK. His work is shown all around the world, including USA, Brazil and Hong Kong.
- ✔ Many of his works involve sculptures of bodies, and he makes the casts from his own body.
- ✔ In *Another Place*, 100 iron men are set on the beach. Visitors are encouraged to watch how many of the men disappear in the sea as the tide comes in.
- ✔ In 2008 a British newspaper said he was number four in the 100 most powerful people in British culture.
- ✔ He has won many awards and in 2014 the Queen knighted him for services to the arts.





Basic description:

During today's session we will create a body sculpture. We have to tell the pupils in advance to bring the necessary materials, in this case tin foil, to make their work of art. We will start by presenting Antony Gormley. After this short introduction, we will explain the steps to follow.

Lesson Plan:

First session: (15 min) Explain and talk to your children about Antony Gormley.
(30 min) Steps 1-3 should be completed in the first session.

Second session: (30 min) Steps 4-5 should be completed in the second session.
(15 min) Close the session with a game related to the topic

Game:

Play a game related to materials. Explain that in Antony Gormley's *Another Place* sculpture the men are made of iron. This material is strong enough to withstand the force of the sea. Say a material and encourage children to say *Yes* if the men could be made of this material and *No* if not. For example, *paper* – *no* / *concrete* – *yes*.

Learning Outcomes:

- ✔ Understands words associated to materials.
- ✔ Makes three-dimensional works planning the process and choosing the best way of doing it.

Step
1



Make a body using pipe cleaners.

Step
2



Put the body into a position.

Step
3



Wrap tin foil around the pipe cleaners.

Step
4



Continue wrapping until the whole body is covered in tin foil.

Step
5



Compare your sculpture to your classmates'.