

## Title: Colombian

## Puppetry Arts

## Grade Level: K-5

**Objective:** Students will use paper bags to create a glove puppet in the style of the traditional Colombian puppeteers.



## Lesson Plan

**Materials:** paper bags, cartoon printouts, markers, scissors, glue stick, colored paper/construction paper.

**Opening Activity:** Colombia has a long history of giant puppets parading through the towns during big major festivals every year. HAND PUPPETS! Invite students to invent a character using just their hand, and choose a few students to bring their character to life, with a voice and personality all their own! You can interview their hand puppet one by one to learn their name and background.

### Core Activity:

- Instruct students that a finished puppet has a face with all facial features, and a costume or outfit.
- Distribute scissors, colored paper and copies of the cartoon features for them to design and produce their own character puppets.
- THEN, distribute paper bags and glue sticks.
- Have them KEEP their hands OUT of the bags until they are finished!
- Older students can also team up and create a short puppet theater performance based on their characters, developing a 2-5 minute story to share with the class.

**Reflection:** As students are cleaning up the space, have them share their finished character with each other, and invite them to pair up and improvise a conversation between puppets!