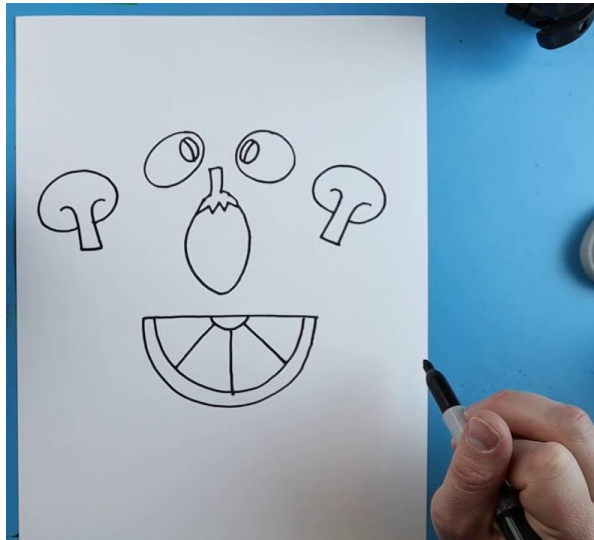


Title: Fruit & Vegetable Portraits

Grade Level: K-5

Objective: Students will create fruit and vegetable portraits inspired by the work of artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo. Students will learn that complex forms can be created using simple items.



Lesson Plan

Materials: Paper Plates (optional) or multimedia paper (if painting) or copy paper, crayons, paint & paint brushes (optional), pencils, construction paper, scissors, glue.

Opening Activity: Eat your fruits & veggies! Make a master list of fruits and veggies- start by asking kids to name their favorite fruits and veggies, and then have them list some fruits and veggies they don't like. This list will help them think of shapes and colors to add to their portrait. Also, show them this video of the work of Giuseppe Arcimboldo: <https://youtu.be/FrUbFyz7Zus?si=yHzc-UBxbJIFTpr->

If you'd like, they can preview the process with this video: <https://youtu.be/DWP480sQTal?si=yYRBjXEzBDgBJeh>

Core Activity:

- Distribute paper plates or paper, and pencils - have them trace a LARGE oval on the paper.
- Using the paper plates or circle on paper- have members use pencils to draw facial features. What fruit or veggies could they use as eyes? Nose? Ears? Cheeks? Mouth? Hair?
- Once they've finished drawing the face, distribute crayons and markers (or paint & brushes) to add color. You may choose to have members finish their portrait as collage, layering colored construction paper cut outs for the fruits and veggies (great for more advanced students).

Reflection: As students help you clean up the space, have them bring their finished portraits to you to display. Ask the group: did this activity make them think about fruit and vegetables in a different way?

