

STATEWIDE PROJECT

ONE MINUTE SCULPTURES inspired by Erwin Wurm Years R–12

What is a *One Minute Sculpture*?

Students are invited to pose with an everyday object (like a freeze-frame in drama) for just one minute, while a photo is taken.

Make a collection of your *One Minute Sculptures* (photos) and send the images to DreamBIG for sharing on our website.

What objects?

- Almost anything, eg plant, vegetables, fruit, musical instruments.
- Identify a theme or topic in your program to either engage or reinforce learning with your students, eg devise a creative way to portray fractions, shapes, angles, numbers, letters, international signs

How to pose?

Pose in a freeze-frame with your object in an unusual, illogical way. The more ridiculous and bizarre, the better! You really just need to hold the pose for the length of time it takes to be photographed.

Who is Erwin Wurm?

He is an Austrian artist famous for making *One Minute Sculptures*. He has been working on them since 1994 (yes, more than one minute). Sometimes he invites strangers to pose, giving them an object and often vague instructions for how to pose. He is known for his witty style and curious depictions of daily life.

Be Curious

Take a look at Red Hot Chili Peppers *Can't Stop* (Official Music Video)

<https://youtu.be/BfOdWSiyWoc> (26 Oct 2009).

This video clip features their own inspirations of Wurm's *One Minute Sculptures*.

Keep safe while having fun

Students don't need to reveal their identity! They could dress up, wear a mask, a hat, use a green screen¹ or their image could be blurred or hidden by the object.

¹ Green screens - See **DreamBIG 2021 Teaching and Learning Resource**, 'No Green Bears Please!' If you're missing a hardcopy, it's also online at one of the links shown below.

Teachers

- A quick internet search will bring up many inspiring images for *One Minute Sculptures*. Always preview and carefully select appropriate examples of artworks or video clips before sharing them with your students.
- Remember, anything sent in must be accompanied by the necessary consent form: Download consent forms: schools.dreambigfestival.com.au
Further information: <http://tiny.cc/ConsentForms> (Department staff login required)
- Save your images as JPEG files (1MB or less)
- Label your files carefully – school, teacher contact details, student's name, year level, signed consent forms, etc
- Type *One Minute Sculptures* in the email subject line and send carefully labelled files as JPEG files (1MB or less) to: dreambig@adelaidefestivalcentre.com.au

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE CLASSROOM

Learning intentions (a few ideas)

Students will be able to:

- Write a list of step-by-step instructions, ie a procedural text
- Read, interpret and follow instructions
- Take a photo using a digital device
- Identify and demonstrate alternative and creative ways of interacting with an object
- Build on what they know to create ideas and possibilities in ways that are new to them...?
- Contribute to a group and describe characteristics of cooperative behaviour.

The activity

1. Offer this as a whole class activity.
2. Show the Red Hot Chilli Peppers video clip.
3. Students work in groups of 3.
4. Each group will need a space or area to establish their *One Minute Sculptures* station.
5. Set a time limit for students to set up their area with objects and written instructions. Each group will write instructions (a procedural text) explaining how the other students should interact and pose with the object/s.
6. Each group to take a photo of themselves in their intended sculpture pose. Keep on file for later comparisons.
7. Groups rotate through each 'one minute sculptures' station.
8. They must read, interpret and pose according to the instructions, and take a photo.
9. Once all groups have rotated through each station, they can compare results.
10. Reflect, self-assess, peer-assess, evaluate each other's instructions.

Alternatives, extensions

- Use objects related to another current topic the class might be working on, eg shapes or angles in maths, plants in science.
- Hold a democratic vote for the class to choose a number of the photos to create a digital media artwork, with accompanying music and sound effects.
- Produce a short video clip like the Red Hot Chilli Peppers, composing their own music.

Success criteria (sample suggestions)

Students will be successful if they can:

- Create *One Minute Sculptures* in the style of Erwin Wurm
- Write a set of instructions for others to read and follow
- Read and interpret the instructions by others
- Use a digital device to take a clear photo and 'frame' the subject
- Identify the similarities and differences between the various photos created using the same instructions.
- Demonstrate creativity and originality in the creation of a *One Minute Sculptures*
- Work cooperatively and collaboratively with others.