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Passport to the World Puerto Rico

Virtual

Kids

Activities



Craft - Vejigante on Canvas



Puerto Rico, officially known as the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, is an unincorporated territory of the United States. Puerto Rico is only 100 miles long by 35 miles wide, making it the smallest island of the Greater Antilles.

To learn more about Puerto Rico follow the link below

<https://www.discoverpuertorico.com/island/history#!grid~~~random~1>

A vejigante is a common folkloric character seen in Puerto Rico during Carnaval, Santiago (St James) saint day, and other festival celebrations. The characters march in parades wearing colorful and ornate masks and costumes with bat wings.

To learn more about the Vejigante follow the link below

<https://kidworldcitizen.org/puerto-rican-mask-art-project-vejigante/>

Materials:

- Canvas or piece of watercolor paper (or a piece of cardboard)
- Paint
- Brushes
- Pencil

Directions:

1. Look at some examples of Puerto Rican Vejigante masks online and notice what colors and features you like the most. Use your pencil to sketch out your mask onto your surface.
2. Paint in all of your base colors, do not worry in the beginning about the detail colors. Let the base colors dry and then add in any details such as polka dots, dashes, and lines at the end. Pay attention to your background as well, it can be one color or multi-colored, you just want to make sure that the main focus of your painting is the mask.



Have Fun and post your pictures in the comments section!



Virtual Exploration - The Glowing Bio Bay

Mosquito Bay or Bio Bay in Vieques, Puerto Rico is an amazing place. It is the brightest glowing bioluminescent bay in the world. I jumped on a few kayak tours during the night of a new moon and saw this incredible light show.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VwfG9s1A8pI>



Science Activity - Taíno Petroglyphs

The Taínos left behind petroglyphs that are images created by incising, picking, carving, or abrading on the surface of the rock to create a form of rock art.

Try creating your own petroglyphs, take a picture of your results and add them to our comments!

Follow the link for this fun experiment

<https://kidworldcitizen.org/taino-petroglyphs-rock-art-kids/>

Daily Challenge - Make a traditional meal

Follow the link below and learn how to make Arroz con Gandules a Puerto Rican favorite

<https://www.delishdlites.com/holiday-recipes/arroz-con-gandules-puerto-rican-rice-with-pigeon-peas-recipe/>

Show us your result!

Take a picture when you're done then add them to our comments!!



Let's Stay Active - Bomba & Plena

Bomba and plena are the most popular forms of folk music in Puerto Rico. They are both percussion-driven musical traditions that move people to dance. Often mentioned together as though they were a single musical style, both reflect the African heritage of Puerto Rico; but there are basic distinctions between them in rhythm, instrumentation, and lyrics. Enjoy the following video of beautifully costumed and choreographed performances of these different styles (also includes seis).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7dSPXEx69Xw&feature=youtu.be>

