

## Treasure Bearer



**Essential Question:** How do artists use sculpture to represent and honor a life?

**Duration:**

Two or three twenty-minute sessions.

**Art History/Inspiration:**

Funerary Sculpture of a Bactrian Camel, China, C. 700-800

**Materials:**

White Bristol Board  
Pencils  
Scissors  
Colored pencils  
Markers

**Lesson:**

Whereas the Bactrian Camel is a funerary sculpture that commemorates the life of a trader upon his/her death in ancient China, you are going to make a paper sculpture that celebrates your life and what you value. Choose an animal (mythical creatures included) to represent yourself and a treasure that your animal will carry on its saddle. Which animal qualities might represent your character as a human being? What do you treasure or value in life?

1. Create a pencil sketch of the body of your animal, including its treasure, a 7 x 7" piece of Bristol board.
2. Decorate one side of your animal with colored pencils and/or markers.
3. Carefully cut out the colored side of your animal and then transform the other side into another side of your character.
4. When done with both sides, use two 2 x 3" rectangles of Bristol board to cut out and color the "legs" of your animal.
5. Cut 1/2" slits into the animal's body and its legs to lock into position and make your "treasure bearer" stand up.

