



ASIAN CIVILISATIONS MUSEUM

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FANTASTIC CREATURES

A FAMILY FUN TRAIL

Go on an adventure as a family to discover the various fantastic creatures at the ACM!

PARENTAL GUIDANCE

Welcome to the Asian Civilisations Museum!

This museum is filled with mysteries from the different parts of Asia and we invite you to explore this special place with your child. Before entering the galleries, you may wish to share the importance of museum etiquette with your child.

Some guiding questions:

- What are some of the things you can do to show respect to the museum and its objects?
- There are several other visitors to the museum too. What can you do to help make this trip to the museum special for them?

MUSEUM ETIQUETTE



USE YOUR
MUSEUM VOICE



PENCILS
ONLY



TOUCH ONLY WITH
YOUR EYES



NO FLASH
PHOTOGRAPHY



TAKE TURNS TO
SPEAK AND LISTEN



WALK
CALMY



ENJOY FOOD AND
DRINKS OUTSIDE

MIGHTY MAKARA



Makara Processional Vehicle
Kelantan (Malaysia), early 20th century

The Makara is a protective symbol made up of different animal parts. The artist used different pieces of wood to carve each part of the Makara before putting them together. It is usually found at the front of a boat and is said to bring sailors to safety.



IMAGINE

the Makara made a sound.
What would it sound like?



NAME

the four animals that
make up the Makara.

DYNAMIC DRAGON



Stemcup with moulded floral designs
China, Yuan Dynasty
Ceramic



Dish with Dragon
Jingdezhen, Jiangxi province, 1522-1566
Porcelain

The dragon is believed to be a messenger from heaven and brings about rain. Thus, the people of Ancient China considered it a very important symbol. Did you know that the dragon is made up of thirteen different animals?



FIND

these objects and look at the dragon motif closely.



SPOT

the difference between them.



DISCUSS

why the dragon is an important and popular symbol to the Chinese.



LOCATE

another object with the dragon symbol.



NAME

the object.

PROTECTIVE YALI



The Yali has the body of a cat, the head of a lion, the tusks of an elephant and the tail of a serpent. It is often sculpted in a Hindu temple as a protective symbol.



IDENTIFY

the material the yali is made of.



WRITE

three (3) words that describes the nature of the yali.



DISCUSS

if the Yali could be real.

FAMILY TIME



- What are some of the things you love and will protect? Why?
- Are there things in Singapore that you are proud of and would protect? Why?

ANSWER SHEET

MIGHTY MAKARA

IMAGINE the sound a Makara would make, what would it sound like?

Answer: (Up to child's interpretation)

NAME the four animals that make up the Makara.

Answer: Crocodile, fish, elephant and goat.

PROTECTIVE YALI

IDENTIFY the material the Yali is made of.

Answer: Wood

WRITE three (3) words that describes the nature of the yali.

Answer: (Up to child's interpretation)

DISCUSS if the Yali could be real.

Answer: (Up to child's interpretation)

DYNAMIC DRAGON

FIND these objects and look at the dragon motif closely.

SPOT the difference between them.

Answer: Claws

LOCATE another object with the dragon symbol.

NAME the object.

Answer: Dragon robe