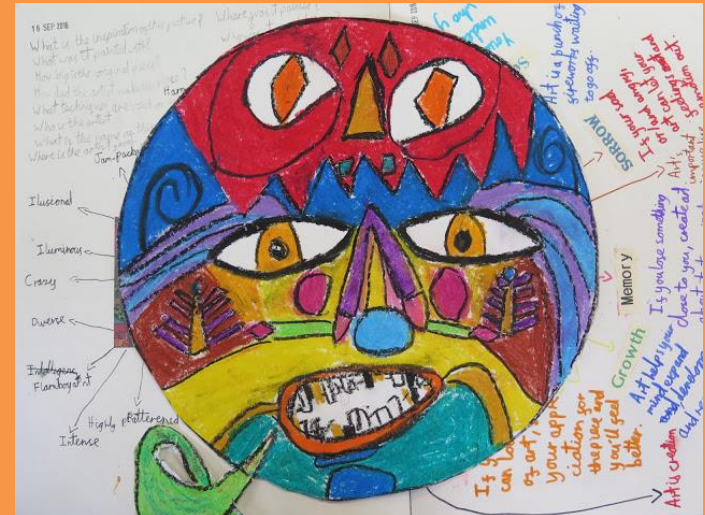


# Design your own Maya Mask



Design your own Maya mask. Think about whether you would like it to be a battle, death or celebration mask.



# Battle Masks

- Some masks which were simple in style were worn by the Maya during important events like battles, and usually carved from wood or stone.
- These designs focussed on the use of darker colours.
- They were worn for one of two reasons:
  - To protect the wearer during battle by adding spiritual power
  - To intimidate the enemy



# Event Masks

- Other masks were designed to be worn during important events such as weddings and birth ceremonies. These masks often used heavenly beings, animals or designs for entertainment purposes.
- These masks used amazing designs with bright, vibrant colours painted onto wooden surfaces.



# Death Masks

- Finally, those masks used to adorn the faces of the dead were often seen as the most sacred and therefore were the most elaborate.
- These masks used a mosaic patterning of the beautiful greens and blues of the Jade stone to show the close sacred connection between the people and their Gods.
- The funeral masks protected the individual while descending into the underworld "Xibalba" in order to defeat the gods of death and to be able to ascend as the Maya "God of the Corn".



Now decide whether you would like to make an actual mask out of card and cut it out, or whether you would like to design a 2D mask and add colour on paper like the different examples below.





