

# Make Your Own Dragon

*Stimulate the imagination of your students in this art and creative writing project and improve their oral presentation skills.*

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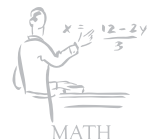
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## Objectives

- Reading and writing dragon stories and making clay dragons will stimulate students' imaginations.
- Students will improve communication skills by orally presenting their finished products.

## Materials

- Play-Doh
- Crayons and markers
- Story paper
- Craft supplies, including wiggly eyes, pipe cleaners, sequins, beads, split green peas, pasta twists, dried beans, feathers, etc.
- Dragon stories

## Procedure

1. Introduce the activity by asking the students questions about dragons. For instance: Would you want a dragon for a pet? What special powers do dragons have? If you had a dragon, what would you and your dragon do for fun? What would your dragon be like?
2. Read books that feature dragons.
3. Discuss the books, asking how dragons have been presented in each story and what the students liked about each book.

4. Have the students create their own dragons using the Play-Doh. The craft supplies can be used to decorate the dragons.
5. As the students construct their dragons, have group discussions about story ideas involving their dragons.
6. After completing their dragons, distribute crayons and markers and have the students write stories about and draw pictures of their dragons.
7. Have the students share their work with the rest of the class by presenting their clay dragons and stories.
8. In an extension of this project, students can create a habitat or setting for their dragon in a diorama. Students could write about a social problem common to others their age and use their dragon character to help solve the problem.

## Directions

For Baking Soda Clay  
 Combine 16 oz of baking soda with 1 cup of cornstarch in a medium saucepan. Add 1-1/2 cups of cold water and 1 tbs of corn oil. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly for 10-15 minutes, or until it reaches mashed potato consistency.



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