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Suitable for ages 9 to 12



MEET MAKARA

The makara is a protective symbol. It is a mythical creature, and is made of different parts of real animals. Pieces of wood and metal were used to make this makara.

ARTY FACTS

MAKARA PROCESSIONAL VEHICLE

Malay Peninsula, Kelantan,
late 19th or early 20th century
Nangka wood, zinc, brass, copper plates
Acquired with the funds from Friends of ACM
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The makara carries the Hindu river goddess Ganga on her travels. Although the use of the makara as a protective symbol originated in Hindu communities, it also came to be used by Muslim communities whose ancestors were Hindu-Buddhists on the north-eastern coast of the Malay Peninsula. The meaning of the makara to these communities would have also changed over time.

SPY WITH YOUR LITTLE EYE

The Makara in the Ancestors and Rituals Gallery.



Through these activities, your child/student will learn to:

- Experiment, observe, and predict

LOOK closely at the makara. **NAME** the animals whose parts were used to make this one.

1. Horns of a _____

2. Mouth of a _____

3. Trunk of an _____

IMAGINE this makara coming to life. What sounds would it make?



CREATE your own mythical creature by combining parts from these animals. Tag us @ACM_SG for a chance to get your creation featured.

GIVE your creature a name.

What superpowers will your creature have?

1. Horns of a goat 2. Mouth of a crocodile 3. Trunk of an elephant