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Suitable for ages 5 to 8



MEET THE DRAGON

The dragon is an imaginary creature. When artists make dragons, they use parts of different real animals. The five-clawed dragon is the most powerful of all creatures in Chinese culture, and is used to represent the emperor.

ARTY FACTS

BRIGHT YELLOW ROBE WITH NINE DRAGONS AND TWELVE IMPERIAL SYMBOLS (LONGPAO)

Made in China around 1760–95, during the Qing dynasty

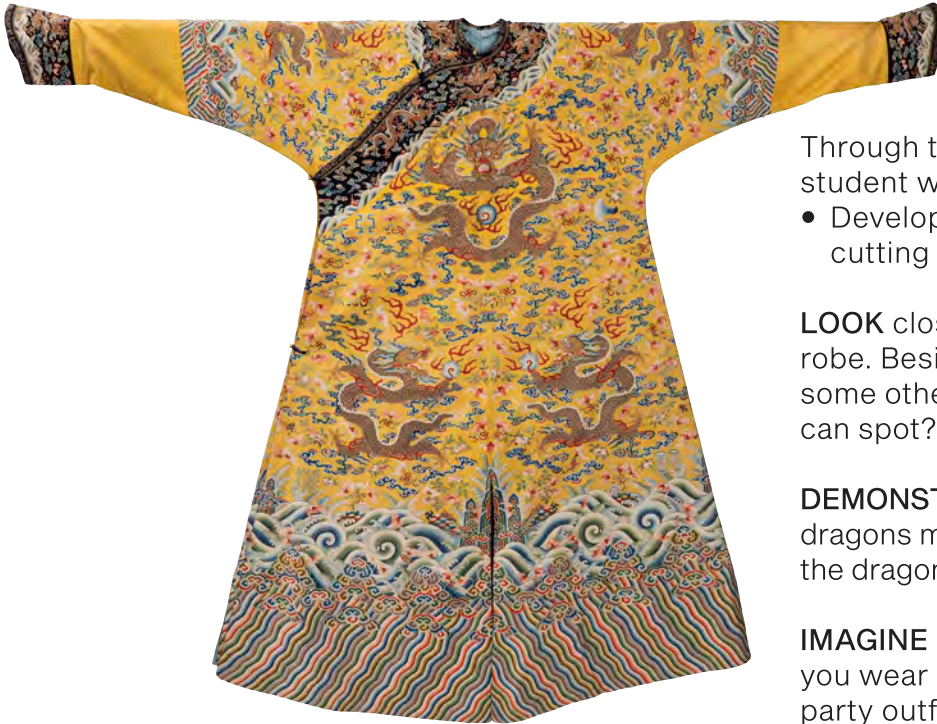
Silk tapestry weave with silk floss and gold-wrapped threads

This yellow robe shows nine dragons flying across clouds, waves and mountains. Qing dynasty emperors would wear robes with five-clawed dragons on their birthdays and special occasions. Only the emperor, empress and empress dowager could wear this shade of bright yellow.

The robe is made from silk, a smooth and soft fabric made from threads produced by silkworms. Silk was developed in ancient China thousands of years ago.

SPY WITH YOUR LITTLE EYE

The Dragon Robe made during the Qing dynasty in China.



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

- Develop fine motor skills like cutting and folding

LOOK closely at the picture of this robe. Besides the dragons, what are some other symbols and patterns you can spot?

DEMONSTRATE how you think the dragons might move, and what sounds the dragons might make.

IMAGINE it is your birthday. What will you wear to celebrate? Does your party outfit tell others something special about you?

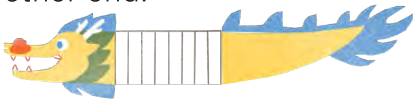
CREATE your very own dragon by following the instructions below. Don't forget to tag us @ACM_SG and we may feature your creation.

Step One: Colour and cut out this dragon.

Step Two: Cut a strip of coloured paper to match the width of the dragon's head and tail. Fold the paper in an accordion style.



Step Three: Tape or glue the head of the dragon to one end of the paper, and attach the tail to the other end.



Step Four: Tape or glue ice-cream sticks to the back of your dragon. Hold the puppet by the sticks and make your dragon dance!

