

Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum Mini Lesson Plan

Twelfth Grade

Fredericks Sculptures in the 1939 (left) and 1964 (right) Worlds' Fairs in Flushing Meadow-Corona Park, NY.

Small scale sketch model baboons (plaster) and *Baby Baboon* (bronze) in the Museum (top left), 1939 photo of Baboon Fountain at the NY World's Fair (bottom left). *Freedom of the Human Spirit* in bronze in Flushing Meadow-Corona Park, NY (top right) and plaster (bottom right) in the Museum.





Marshall Fredericks created sculptures for the 1939 and 1964 World's Fair both held in Flushing Meadow-Corona Park, NY. In 1939 he created a series of 5 baboons and one baby baboon in which each show distinct individual personalities. Often referred to as the "Board of Directors Fountain" they were cast in concrete and situated around a fountain at the Glass Industries Building. His interest in primates may have influenced this series.



For the 1964 World's Fair, *Freedom of the Human Spirit* was cast in bronze to be permanently installed in Flushing Meadow-Corona Park, NY; it is still there today. Frederick uses 4 trylons to the support a male and female figure and 3 elegant and powerful swans in this composition. In content, the human and animal composition appear to both be physically and spiritually lifted.

Can you answer these questions about these sculptures?

What is a World's Fair and what would you see there?

Why would art and architecture be an important part of a World's Fair?

Marshall's sculptures were done 25 years apart. What differences do you see in his 1939 and 1964 sculptures?

How are these sculptures connected to history and culture?

How can a World's Fair transform a community or city?

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Make your own drawing of the Baby Baboon using line. Then add at least 5 different values of

shading including black and white. Use the space below or another larger sheet of paper.