

## Nepalese Paper

### Big Ideas and Essential Questions

- How does making paper create a sustainable life-style for the people of Kathmandu?
- How has the tradition of handmade paper helped this community?

### Objective

Students will create recycled paper out of scraps of found paper. Students will be able to explain how handmade paper is made in Nepal.

### Learning Goals

Students will be able to explain the process of making paper. Students will be able to explain how this art is essential to the survival of the village of Kathmandu.

### Activity 1: Discuss

Show papermaking youtube video. Based on what they saw in the video, Discuss with students what life is like for the village Kathmandu. Compare and contrast to the women in Uganda. Have students pair up deliberate the discussion questions.

### Activity 2: Plan

Students plan out a what organic quality they will add to their paper that they found out side (grass ,leaves , flowers) and what color their paper will be.

### Activity 3: Create

Students tear pieces of new paper into small pieces. Teacher blend paper, water, and glitter and paint into a blender and turn to pulp. Students press the water out of the pulp through the screens, add any thing extra to their paper (grass, leaves, seeds,) and set out to dry. Students peel their paper off the

### Activity 4: Reflect

Students present their handmade paper art work in a group critique. Students write a reflection that explains the papermaking process. Students explain how papermaking is a part of the culture of Nepal. Compare and contrast how our process of recycling scrap paper to the process used in Nepal. How is it different and how is it the same?

### Materials

- Construction Paper scraps
- Screens for pressing paper
- Glitter
- Blender
- Water
- Scissors
- Pencils
- Paint
- Dried flowers, grass, leaves, or seeds

### Key Terms and Vocabulary

- Lokta paper
- Sustainable paper
- Kathmandu
- Nepal
- Handmade paper
- UNICEF
- Daphne shrub

### Discussion Questions

- Based on the video what do you think the quality of life is in Nepal?
- How is the same or different from the village in Uganda?
- How has the people of Nepal created sustainable paper?
- How does paper making reflect the culture of Nepal?

### Assessment

Use rubric to assess craftsmanship and creativity of handmade paper, and written reflection.