

LESSON PLAN 5: EDIBLE TEMPLE

Objective:

To learn what the Pantheon was and to introduce basic elements of Roman architecture.

Materials:

Chalk/chalkboard	Toothpicks
BRACH'S gummi bears	Marshmallows
BRACH'S spice drops	Plastic plates
Hershey's chocolate bars	Pillsbury vanilla frosting
Cinnamon graham crackers	Ziplock bags
Cardboard boxes	Box cutter

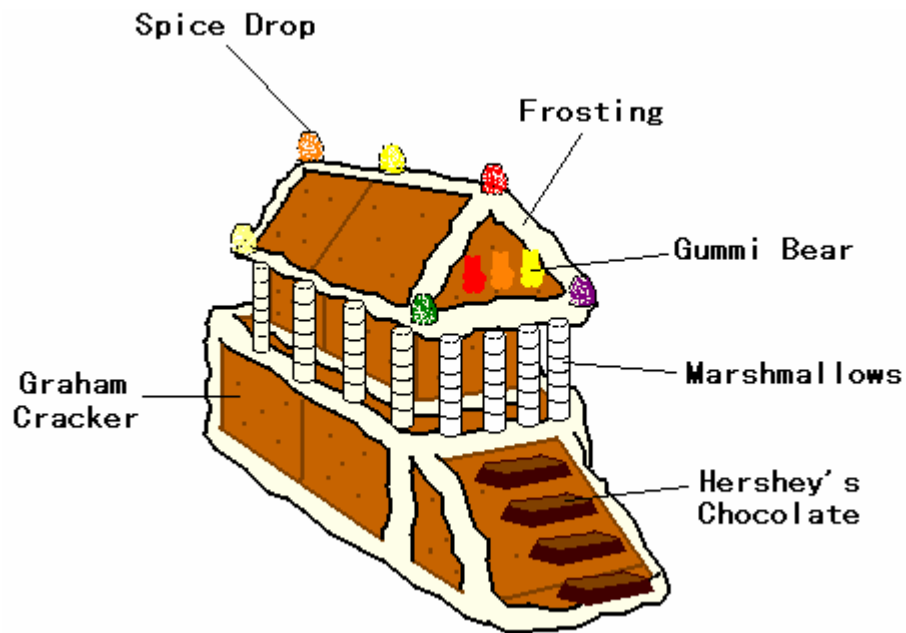
Preparation:

- Use a box cutter to cut a cardboard base for the “gingerbread” temple.
- Place 14 toothpicks, 84 marshmallows, 3 gummi bears, 7 spice drops, 9 graham cracker rectangles, and 4 Hershey chocolate pieces onto a plastic plate (each additional class will need an identically prepared plate of materials).
- Snip a tiny corner from a ziplock bag and spoon vanilla frosting into the bag to be squeezed out during application.

Procedure:

1. Jump right into the lesson by asking the students what they think the Pantheon was. Show the Pantheon if a poster is available in the room. Discuss the importance of its gargantuan size (made the individual feel small, which is fitting in the presence of the gods).
2. Discuss the architectural elements: roof, frieze, pediment, triglifs, metapy, eggs and dart, abacus, flutes, columns, and stylobate. For columns, go into what doric, ionic, and corinthian styles were. Parts will be illustrated on the board with chalk to help the students picture the architectural elements.
3. Have each class create their own gingerbread temple. Instructions will be given one at a time to ensure that every group is on the same page in their construction.
4. If time permits, allow the students to eat their creations afterwards.

Gingerbread Temple Model



*Marshmallows are skewered on toothpicks