

GODS AND DEMONS, MONKEYS AND MEN



Welcome to *Gods and Demons, Monkeys and Men* curated by Dr. Kathy Foley.
Get ready to experience an incredible array of masks from Southeast Asia.
Can you find masks from Java, Bali, Vietnam, Cambodia, and Thailand?

Word Search - MASKS

Read the passage below. Then search the puzzle for the words in bold type. Circle or highlight each word as you find it. The words are hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

l b y s l g d w t f d n z w u
a p u o z x w i g i a a w q c
u j u c e n y t s m r e l n u
t p q i y u b e a g d p m d g
i x i e t k a h t a u e l d n
r e t t l s s t r r j i r u q
r v r y e h f e y c w u s e c
h i t c g z u d r a m a d e g
d t v i z q w b r f o w p g m
s c s k s g b f v m t w e v e
d e r a z a z z x a b t i a f
v t m t g n n e k s t r l b d
a o s e r u g i f k d x w h f
c r c h j k e h x q d o w p g
n p h i s t o r i c g x e p t

The Form and Function of Masks

Have you ever worn a **mask**? Human beings have been donning masks for centuries for a multitude of purposes. Some masks were built to house spirits of the dead. When such a mask is worn in a **ritual** ceremony, the audience experiences a sense of **historic** continuity that strengthens the social bonds of their group as they are reacquainted with important **figures** that have gone before them. Funerary masks cover the faces of the dead at burial. King Tut of ancient Egypt is one example. In some societies, the high priest and medicine man, or the **shaman**, had masks to expel evil spirits, punish enemies, locate fish or game, predict the weather, and most importantly, to prevent and cure **disease**. In many cultures throughout the world, a **judge** wears a mask to protect him from future reproach. The mask represents a traditionally sanctioned spirit from the past who assumes responsibility for the decision levied on the **culprit**. Many sports such as baseball, fencing and skiing require the use of masks solely as a **protective** device. Festival masks are still common today in celebrations such as Halloween, Mardi Gras or **masquerade** parties where the participants seek to **disguise** their true identities. Masks are also used to represent characters in theatrical performances. The ancient Greeks are credited with creating the art of **drama** after their ritual mask-wearing gave way to stage plays.

SOUTH EAST ASIAN MASK MEMORY GAME

Instructions: Photocopy page onto card stock or paste page onto thin cardboard. Cut out cards along dotted lines. Shuffle cards and turn face down in front of you in even rows. Take turns turning over 2 cards. If cards do not match, turn them over and continue playing. Try to remember the masks in each row to match pairs. The person with the most pairs is the winner.



TET Mask, Vietnam



TET Mask, Vietnam



Hanuman, Bali



Hanuman, Bali



Two Souls, Java



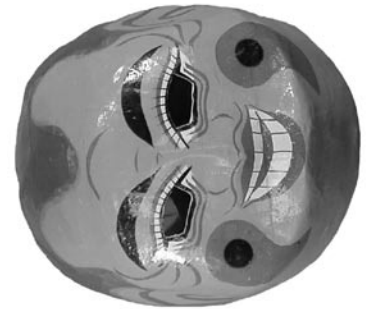
Two Souls, Java



Jero Luh, Bali



Jero Luh, Bali



Monk, Vietnam



Monk, Vietnam



Lakon Khol, Cambodia



Lakon Khol, Cambodia

Further Study

Web Sites

http://www.leisurecambodia.com/Leisure_Cambodia/No.16/Mask_making.html

Visit Leisure Cambodia.com to read the article, The Cambodian Craft of Mask Making by Suy Se.

<http://www.thailandlife.com/khonmask.html>

Visit ThailandLife.com to view an article on Thai mask making.

http://ignca.nic.in/ex_0032.htm

Read about the social significance of masks from the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts Web site.

<http://balisource.com/masks.html>

View a Collection of Javanese and Madurese Masks at BaliSource.com.

<http://asiarecipe.com/srimasks.html>

Learn about classical masks of Sri Lanka here.

<http://www.hobt.org/home.html>

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