**Department:    Greek studies**  
**Subject involved:    History, History of Arts  
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​Description of the activity**

* **Our aim was to connect the reuse of paper and plastic objects with the history of mask. On one hand we intended to study the various uses and roles of the mask in relation to different cultures, events and rituals. On the other hand we intended to experiment with different materials and techniques creating replicas of various masks.**
* **We gathered paper bags for grocery (vegetables, meat, fish or even pop corn bags) and empty plastic bottles (especially those that contain laundry liquid). We also collected other materials such as paper towels, cloth, threads, stones, plasteline. We split into groups and we set up our artistic workshop.**
* **The result of our work was a series of different masks:**

**- Funeral masks associated with the perceptions about life after death.  
 - Apotropaic masks that protect those who have or wear them (men or even a town) or cause respect and fear.  
 - Theatrical masks especially those for ancient greek comedies associated with the worship of Dionysus.   
 - Carnival masks  connected with carnival customs or even special rituals.  
Finally the reference to the cinema and modern art could not be absent from our work.  - Cinema masks and well known paintings of modern art gave us ideas for our own creation.**

* **The creation of masks led us to the writing and production of a small play with comic character. The idea was to present masks of different periods and types. In a comical context of our time these masks coexist, present themselves and talk to each other.**

**Objectives**

* **Develop a spirit of cooperation, teamwork, individual initiative through teamwork.**
* **Approach art as sustainable waste management tool.**
* **Be aware of the environmental and economic value of recycling.**
* **Develop positive attitudes for the prevention and resolution of future environmental problems.**

**Outcomes**

* **Exhibition of the masks**
* **Powerpoint**
* **Video**
* **Dialogues of the play**
* **Fotos**