

Haitian Art

FIGGE EXPLORER SERIES

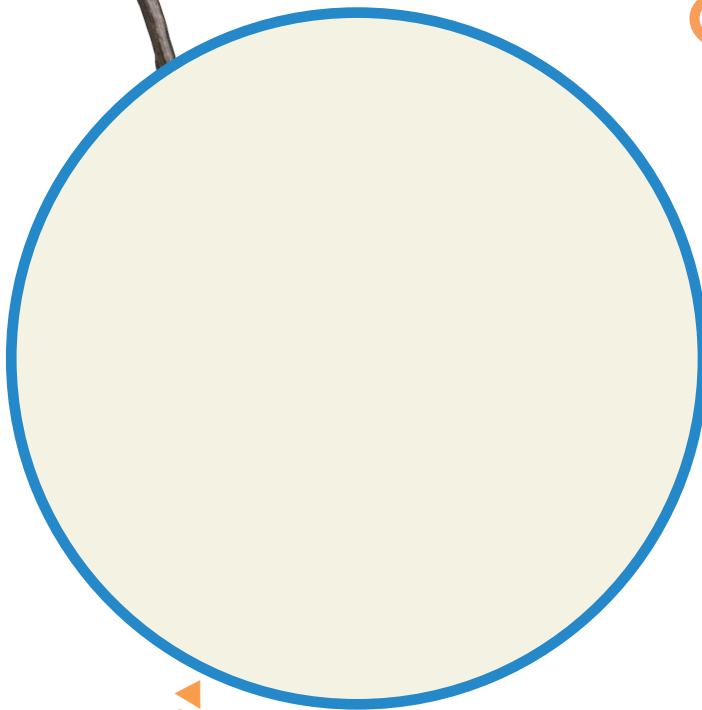
What is
in YOUR
heart?

Coeur means heart
in French.

A heart is symmetrical.
If you cut it in half, each
side would mirror the other.

Zanj means angel in Kreyol, the
language of the Haitian people.

DRAW a landscape
within the heart
that is symmetrical.
Remember, if an
object is symmetrical
it is the same on
both sides.

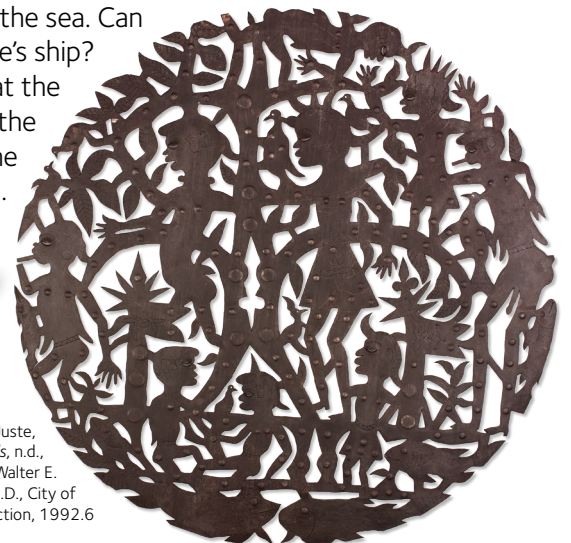


Create a metal sculpture

Haitian metal sculptures are created using recycled oil barrels or *dwoum*. The blacksmith, or *bosmetal*, splits, flattens and then ignites the metal to remove the paint. He draws the design in chalk. A young apprentice, a *timoun*, cuts out the design using a hammer, chisel and awl.

Agwe is the *loa*, or vodou
god, of the sea. Can
you find Agwe's ship?

HINT: Look at the
bottom of the
sculpture for the
horizontal lines.



Sérésier Louis-Juste,
Children with Birds, n.d.,
iron, Gift of Dr. Walter E.
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DRAW a tree.
Add things from
your world around
the tree like a dog,
the sun, a flower
or a river.