

# Cambridge Sculpture Trails



## Sculpture inspired by... Animals

### Trail 1



This is a depiction of a black horse rearing up on its back legs.

- 1: Why do you think a Bank would use it for a symbol?
- 2: Many sculptors use animals for inspiration. Can you find any other animals on the three sculpture trails?
- 3: Draw a picture of an animal that you would like to make a sculpture of. Think about the pose – is the animal running, attacking, eating, sleeping etc?



The grasshopper was the badge or an emblem of a wealthy Tudor family – the Greshams. One of them founded the Royal Exchange. They would be recognised by their emblem, just as you recognise businesses and shops by their logos today.

- 1: Why do you think the Greshams chose a grasshopper for their emblem?  
The Tudor Kings and Queens had a famous emblem. Do you know what it is?  
Many examples can be seen in King's College Chapel.
- 2: Look for other sculptures by Matthew Lane Sanderson in the Cambridge Sculpture Trail leaflets, and on his website [www.sanderson-sculpture.com/](http://www.sanderson-sculpture.com/)

- 3: Design a badge or emblem that you would like for yourself and your family.

### Trail 2



This strange animal on the top of this clock looks rather like a grasshopper. It is actually called a Chronophage and it is eating time.

In Ancient Greece Chronos was the personification of time.

- 1: What do you think is meant by 'eating time'?
- 2: Think of expressions about time, for example 'time and time again' and 'once upon a time'

Write a story or poem about the Chronophage using some of these expressions.

- 3: Design a mythical creature to be placed on a clock.



We don't know the name of the sculptor who made these bears at the bottom of the stairs to the Sedgwick Museum of Earth Sciences. He also made sculptures of bisons, an iguanodon, a sloth and a mammoth.

- 1: Why are these animals on this particular building?

2: Some of them are extinct. Find out what this means and which ones have disappeared.

3: Can you think of any animals today that are in danger of becoming extinct?

Draw a picture of your favourite one.

### Trail 3



- 1: Why do you think this sculpture is called 'Flight'?
- 2: Research images of birds and decide which ones might have inspired this work.
- 3: Design a bird sculpture.



- 1: Look carefully at this sculpture. How does the title 'Gathering of Owls', change your understanding of what you are looking at?
- 2: The owl is sometimes known as 'the wise old owl'. What stories feature owls? How many different kinds of owl can you find? Why are they all so different?
- 3: Draw your own picture of an owl or design your own owl sculpture.



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