

Pre-Class and Post-Class Activities

Cats & Cultures

Note: The following discussions are completely optional and are not required for participation in the Cats & Cultures class. This information is provided as ways to build on this class and to be used at your discretion.

Vocab to know:

- Culture
- Depiction
- Symbol
- Mythology
- Deity
- Folklore
- Tradition
- Ritual
- Mummification
- Afterlife
- Omens
- Representation
- Cultural significance

Pre-Class Discussions:

Ask students what words or ideas they associate with cats. Discuss how cats can be viewed as cute, powerful, mysterious, lucky, or scary and whether people in different cultures might view cats differently. Introduce the idea that cats have been represented in many different ways throughout history and across cultures.

Post Class Discussions:

Ask students how cats have been viewed differently across cultures and throughout history. Discuss which depiction surprised them most and why. Ask: "Why do you think cats continue to be popular and meaningful to people today?"

Applicable CA State Content Standards

- HSS-3.3.1
- HSS-2.1
- RI.2.7 / RI.3.7
- RI.2.9 / RI.3.9
- RL.2.9
- SL.2.1 / SL.3.1