

Ceramics
Ceramic Food
 CLAES OLDENBURG INSPIRED



Left: 10th grade student shows off his finished burrito sculpture;
Below: Finished 10th grade clay food sculptures



Above: 10th grade students work on their clay food sculptures; **Middle:** Stages of Clay poster that hung in the classroom;
Bottom Left: Student works on clay pineapple; **Bottom Right:** Rubric used to grade this project (students were asked to grade themselves)



In this lesson, students discussed the large-scale food sculptures of Claes Oldenburg. I then demonstrated a variety of clay construction techniques, including coil and slab building, as well as a variety of ways to add texture. Students then created a food sculpture of their choice from clay and painted it with acrylic paint.

We did not have access to a kiln, so we fundraised for air dry clay and acrylic paint via Donors Choose. Many students mentioned that this was their favorite project of the year, largely because they were involved at every level, even down to obtaining the supplies for the project and documenting the process to use in the Donors Choose thank you package.



Student Name: _____ Period: _____

Ceramic Food Sculpture
 Foundations II
 Ms. Lawson

	1 Needs Work Does not meet requirements	2 Almost There Meets most requirements	3 Good Work Meets all requirements	4 Excellent Work Exceeds Expectations
Form - Structure Sculpture stands on its own Separate pieces of clay have been securely attached Proportions look realistic				
Form - Texture & Detail Texture and detail contribute to the realism of the sculpture (mimic the texture of the edible "real" food)				
Painting Even painting (both solid areas and shadows and highlights) Sculpture is finished with a coat of clear varnish				
Creativity & Aesthetic Appeal Artwork is unique while still following the guidelines Artwork looks attractive Artwork displays unity - The various elements in the artwork coordinate with one another				
Craftsmanship Clay has been smoothed - no rough edges Separate pieces of clay have been securely attached Sculpture has been neatly painted				

Name and describe one thing that you could improve on your project.

Total Points: _____
Grade: _____