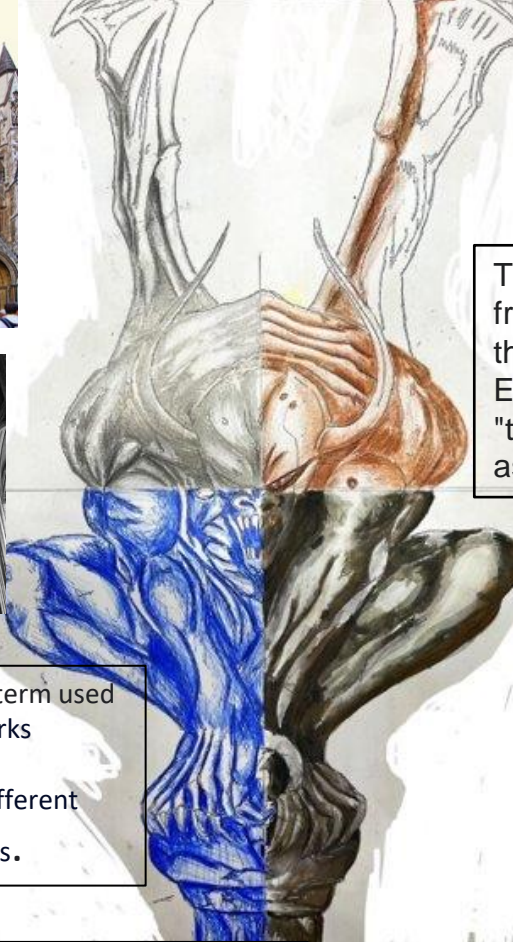


What are Gargoyles and What are they used for?

Key words

Architecture
 Grotesque
 Gargoyle
 Erosion
 Gothic
 Gullet
 Protection
 Spout

What are the 5 key elements of Gothic architecture?
 Gothic Architecture | Characteristics, Buildings & Examples ...
 The main characteristics of Gothic architecture include pointed arches, stained-glass windows, flying buttresses, ribbed vaults, and spires.



Clay is a type of soil. It has been cleaned and refined. To turn it into pottery it gets 'fired' in a Kiln at 1060°C. This is called 'biscuit fired'. A chemical reaction takes place, and the 'state' of the clay cannot be reversed.

The term Gargoyle originates from the [French](#) *gargouille*, which in English is likely to mean "throat" or is otherwise known as the "gullet"

Clay piece
Success criteria
 Cross hatching
 Raised sections
 Scratch and attach
 Detail



Grotesque



Mixed media is a term used to describe artworks composed from a combination of different media or materials.

Gargoyles and the meaning behind them

Lions linked to the sun, most likely due to its golden mane the symbol of pride.

Dogs were seen as faithful, loyal, and intelligent, making them excellent guardians.

From the story of Adam and Eve, the serpent represents a struggle between good and evil.

Monkeys were seen as what happened to humans. They were thought to be stupid. The monkey was linked to the deadly sin of 'sloth'.

Chimeras
 Chimeras are creatures that are mixes of different types of animal body parts to create a new creature, griffins, mermaids. Chimeras often served as a warning to people who underestimated the devil

Social and historical context

In architecture, and specifically Gothic architecture, a gargoyle is a carved or formed grotesque with a spout designed to convey water from a roof and away from the side of a building, thereby preventing it from running down masonry walls and eroding the mortar between.

Mixed media piece
Success criteria
 Cross hatching
 Tone
 Areas of light and dark
 Blended colours