

Hoarding my Frog Food

Artist: David Gilhooly

Year: 1982 glaze on ceramics

→ 1970s began frog world

→ aware

of global culture,

way of absurd

social, political,

and ecological

tones

Key Research

Funk artist → Bay area art movement that challenged the seriousness of the art world by focusing on absurd images of everyday objects.

→ ceramics was a popular medium of funk artists

Gilhooly parodied ancient civilizations, religion, politics, and culture through his theme of ceramic frogs → known for making frog worlds

→ in 1983 he started using food to satirize man-made and natural disasters.

→ he studied at UC Davis, he got into ceramics trying to impress a girl.

"That was the nice thing about clay" "If you didn't like the way something really was, you could always fix it up"

→ frogs evolved into vegetables and was tied up w/ mythology of different cultures and then food and frogs emerged.

- Macaroni and cheese w/ Frogs
- Frogs in an 8 bean stew

"Frogs are more fun than people"

- sculpted frogs in frying pans, wedding cakes etc
- frog crucifixion
- he sculpted w/ plexiglass, printed, and created collages and assemblages

Early
life

- he was a son of a veterinarian
 - he grew up in CA, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands
 - signed up for Biology first at UC Davis
- first tried making a ceramic cup w/ a frog cup handle, then his Frogworld began
 - then created Frog busts of Queen Victoria and Egyptian gods

"leapfrog through history, religion, science, ^{human} experience

→ he proposed that frogs were really human beings in frog bodies

ARKS

" I find the image of arks
compelling; this container; sea
going, and filled w/ lots of
wonderful small things, things
that are not always what they
seem to be "

→ food is pleasure for frogs

ARCS

Past

- Frog Noah gathering all the plants and animals
- made viking style boats (bringing domesticated European livestock to North America)
- Also to bring fine art to the northern hemisphere
- Frog Claus → wearing a red suit
- Trojan Frogs
- Queen Victoria Frogs

Beavers became
a part of the arks
→ more successful
in bringing
potting and
Christianity
to the north

Future

- flying saucer frogs as arks, brought Frog Noah to earth

Activities

→ paper clay, premade frogs, they can color them

clay as a medium, you can shape it, and how we shape it, shapes our stories

Make
Pet
Frogs

- Frog world allowed David to create the world as he thought it should be

- show examples of frog food

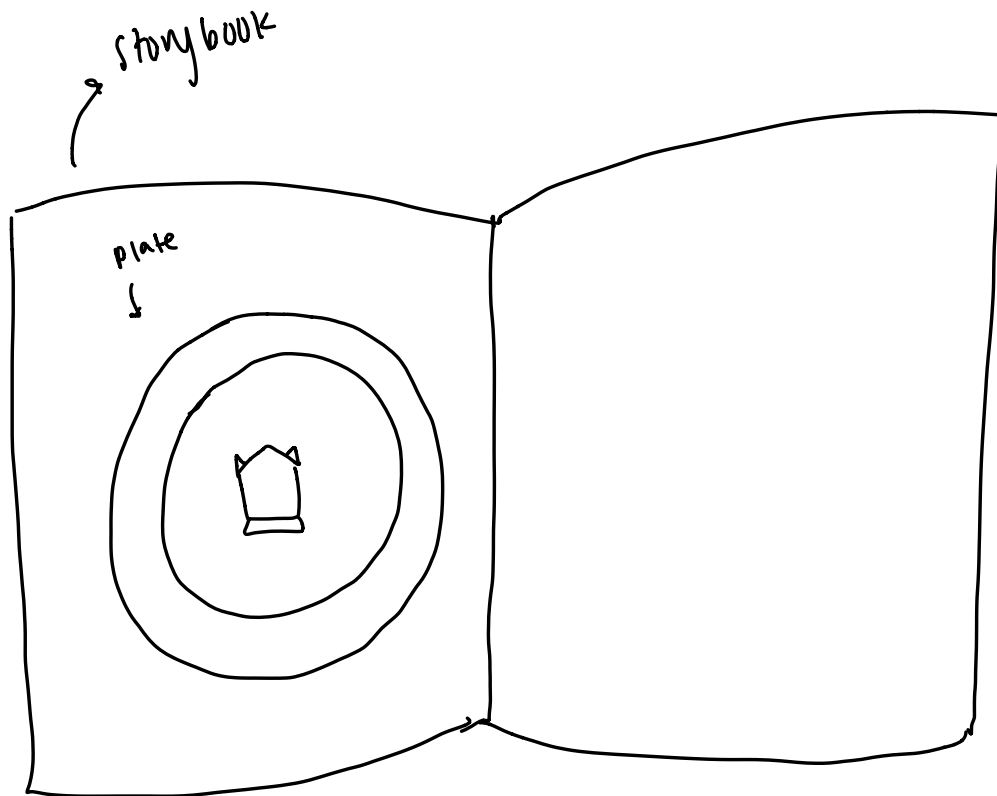
→ make their own frog, develop their story

→ team building → (could be origami frogs)

- separate into 2 groups

- have household objects and play food w/ frog toys and have the children develop a story w/ their group

- each child gets a pet frog to keep for them to name and color



- draw their story
- give them items to develop their own Frog world.

- How did the frogs get here?
- Why are they on a ship, where are they going?
- Do you see other animals, what food do you see?

Felt →

→ small plate

• what

plastic frogs

food shaped felt

pom poms

~~felt~~

- close looking
- bug
- activity

→ this is what frogs eat

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