



# Art – Statues, Statuettes and Figurines

## Pentecost 2

### Statues

A statue is a three-dimensional representation of a person, animal or mythical being. It is usually the same size as the person or animal in real life or much larger. Most statues are displayed outdoors, so artists make them from durable materials, including stone or metal, such as marble or bronze.



*Statue of Liberty (Liberty Enlightening the World)*

### Ancient sculpture

The making of statues, statuettes and figurines is an ancient craft. It was an important part of the culture of past civilisations, including ancient Sumer, ancient Egypt and the Indus Valley. The sculptures made by these civilisations include important people, such as monarchs and religious deities. They also tell us about the everyday lives of the people who were part of these ancient civilisations and the things that were important to them.



Ancient Egyptian figurines

### Statuettes and figurines

A statuette or figurine is a small statue, much smaller than life-size, representing one or more people or animals, or sometimes a religious deity. Most are ornaments displayed indoors, so artists do not need to make them resistant to the weather. They make them from materials, such as clay, wood and bronze.



Porcelain figurine

### Glossary

<b>anatomical</b>	Related to the structure of the human body and how its parts are arranged.
<b>cast</b>	To shape a substance by adding it to a mould and leaving it to harden.
<b>inlaid</b>	A decorative pattern set into the surface of something.
<b>porcelain</b>	A hard, white ceramic made partly from clay.
<b>score</b>	To make a cut or mark on the surface of something with a pointed tool.