

# QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GIRLS' SCHOOL

KS2/3 TRANSITION 2011  
Joseph Cornell shoebox project

# Joseph Cornell (1903-1972)

- Was an artist who lived in New York.
- He collected various objects from around his home as well as from junk shops, the water's edge and parks.
- He arranged the objects and later used them to create boxed pieces of sculpture.
- Joseph Cornell has been recognised as a very important artist.

# Joseph Cornell - Hotel Eden

- What can you see in this example?
- What objects and images have been used in Cornell's work?
- Where do you think the objects came from?



# Joseph Cornell - Lauren Bacall

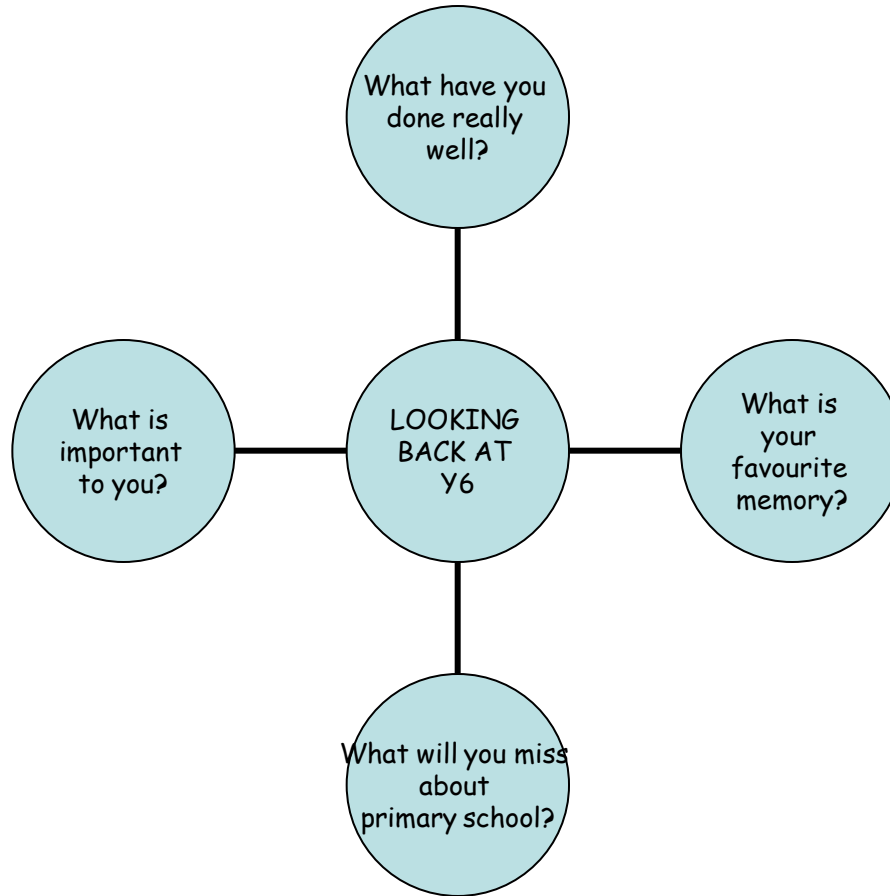


- How much thought do you think Cornell gave to selecting these objects and images?
- How has he arranged the objects?
- What do you think Cornell is trying to say in this work?

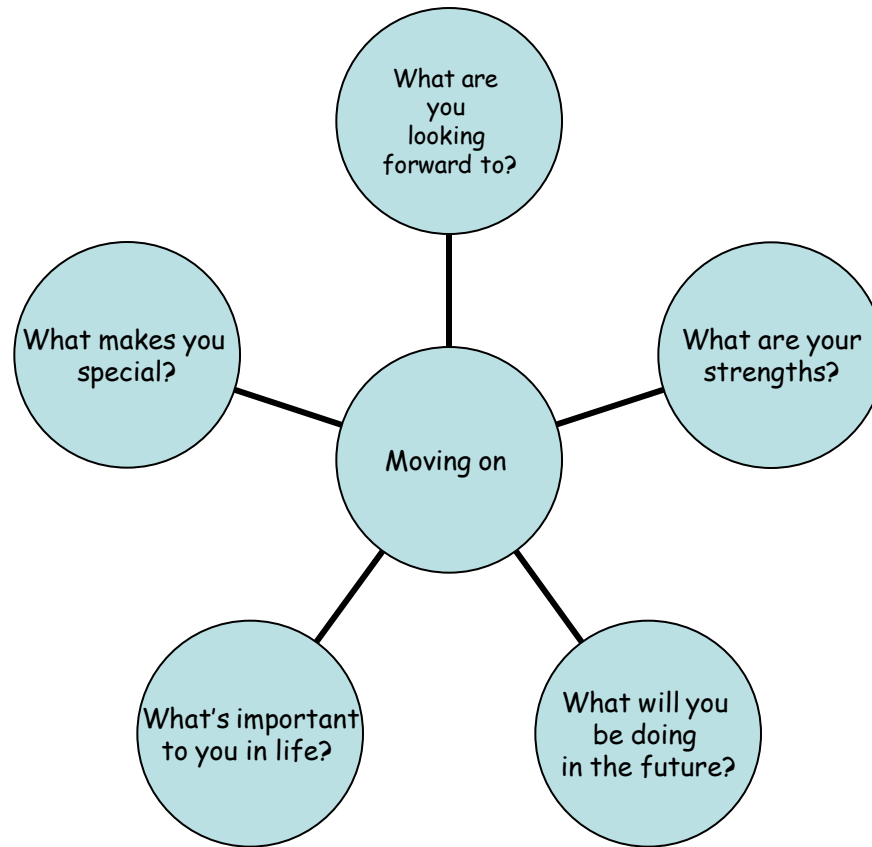
# YEAR 6 TASK

- To design your own 'shoebox' piece of art which you will take with you to your secondary school.
- The theme of your box will be 'Looking back and looking forwards.'

# BRAINSTORM - YEAR 6



# YEAR 7 and the FUTURE



# COLLECTING YOUR OBJECTS

- First, get your shoebox. Don't throw away the lid!
- Now that you have discussed your ideas you need to record your feelings in images, words and objects.
- Start collecting objects and images that you could put in your box. You will need about a week to do this.
- Don't bring anything to put in your box which is really precious.



# THINKING and PLANNING

- It is very important to organise your objects and images as you go along.
- Think about which ones would make a good background? Which will be in the centre?
- What 3D objects could you make? What materials will you need to make these objects?
- Start collecting your materials eg, plasticine, card, magazines, photos, string, wallpaper and fabric off cuts, pipe cleaners, newspaper, glue, scissors, marker pens and paint.

# READY TO START? STEP 1



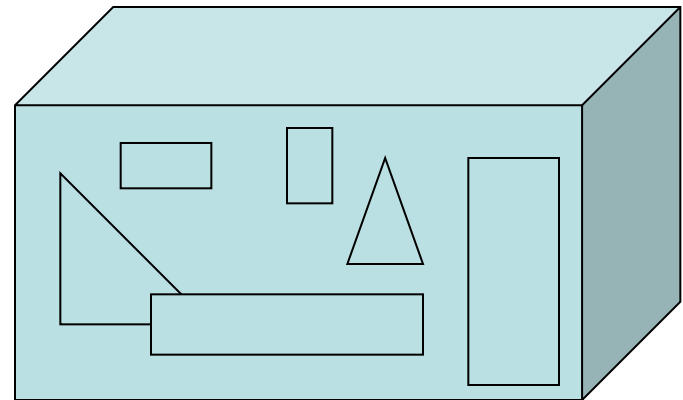
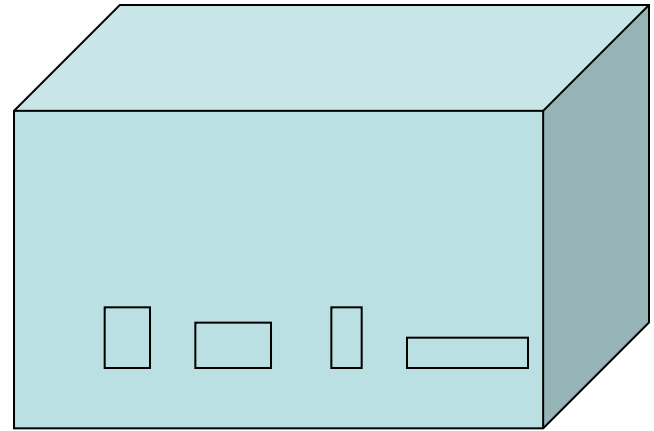
- Put your shoebox on its side.
- Decorate the inside first i.e. the back, floor, sides and ceiling.
- If you want to 'wallpaper' the sides, draw round the box as a pattern first.

# STEP 2

- You can decorate the outside of your shoebox if you wish.
- PRINT your full name and your Primary school on the back of your box.
- Think about the size of your objects so that they look interesting in your box.
- Make sure they are not too small.
- Place all your objects in the box, keep moving them around until you like the arrangement.

# STEP 3

- Ask friends or family for their opinion.
- The objects here are too small.
- This one is much better. The objects have been well arranged.



# THE FINAL STAGE!

- Once you are happy with your arrangement you can start sticking!
- Remember to start at the back, then do the next layer working towards the front.
- You can glue objects to the back, sides, to each other or hang them from the ceiling.
- Once you have finished you can congratulate yourself on having made a Joseph Cornell 'Art box'
- Remember that you will take your box to secondary school so keep it safe.

# Making the shoeboxes



# Work in progress!



# BOXES MADE BY YEAR 7





# YEAR 7 BOXES



# YEAR 13 ART in the style of Joseph Cornell

- A' Level Art coursework
- 'Self portrait'
- By Laura Milligan
- Formerly from Foulds school

