

Educational Resources

MODEL PARLIAMENT UNIT – MAKING A MACE

Making a Mace for the Simulation

The Role of the Mace

The Senate and the House of Commons each possess a Mace.

In the Senate, the Mace is the symbol of the authority given by the King or Queen to the Upper Chamber.

In the House of Commons, the Mace is a sign that the King or Queen has given the House of Commons the authority to meet and to decide on the laws that govern the country.



Materials Required

Scissors, glue, heavy tape, cardboard cylinders (e.g., from paper towels), or a broom handle or dowel, gold-coloured construction paper and a medium-sized plastic container (a yogurt or ice cream container).

Optional: gold-coloured spray paint.

Instructions

1. On the bottom of the plastic container trace the circumference of the cardboard cylinder (or broom handle or dowel).
2. Using scissors, cut out the hole you have traced.
3. Measure the circumference of the plastic container.
4. Measure a length of construction paper equal to the circumference of the plastic container.
5. Draw a crown on the construction paper; the crown should be tall enough to cover the plastic container.
6. Cut out the crown and wrap it around the plastic container. Glue it in place.

7. Cut out two thin strips of construction paper (about 2.5 cm wide and 20 cm long).
8. Glue the ends of one strip to opposite sides of the crown. Glue the other strip to the crown in the same manner, but at right angles to the first strip, so that the two strips form a cross.
9. To make a handle use the broom handle or dowel, or tape two or three cardboard cylinders together end to end.
10. Insert the handle into the hole in the bottom of the container. It may be necessary to tape or glue the handle in place.
11. Use gold spray paint to colour your mace.