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Gift of Horace Mayer
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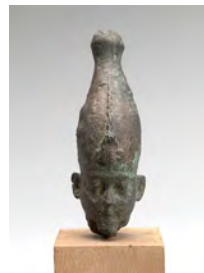
BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Horus

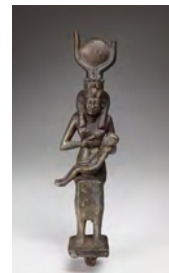
This bronze shows Horus in the form of a falcon. Horus was known originally as a sky god depicted as a falcon; later, he also came to be known as a god of the sun and as the son of Osiris and Isis. Horus is shown here wearing two crowns: the red crown of Lower Egypt (the bottom crown) and the white crown of Upper Egypt (the bowling-pin shape resting inside the other crown). The double crown signifies his rule over all of Egypt. Pharaohs saw themselves as the successors of Horus, who inherited the kingship over Egypt after the death of his father, Osiris.

This bronze includes careful linear details such as feathers on the body and the facial features.

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Head of Osiris
26th Dynasty (664–525 BCE)
bronze; 2 1/2 x 7/8 in. (6.3 x 2.2 cm).
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Isis with the Infant Horus
Greco-Roman Period
(332 BCE–32 CE)
bronze; 8 15/16 x 2 3/16 in. (22.7 x 5.6 cm). Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Mayer
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Source

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DISCUSS

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This falcon representing the god Horus is wearing a headdress that combines symbols of both Lower and Upper Egypt. Find Upper and Lower Egypt on a map of ancient Egypt (hint: Lower Egypt is in the North and Upper Egypt is in the South).

- Why do you think the pharaoh's crown combined symbols of both Lower and Upper Egypt?
- What symbols do we use today to represent the United States?

Do you ever wear a hat or another piece of clothing that uses colors or other symbols to represent a place? A team? A brand? A band? An idea?



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CREATE

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Design your own headgear befitting a god or goddess. Make it using fabric, cardboard, feathers, foil, or whatever materials you have on hand. Think about each component of your design and what it represents.

Notice the feathers and other details included in the sculpture of Horus as a falcon (roll your cursor over the image to magnify). What details will you include in your artwork?

Make an advertisement to sell your creation. Write a paragraph describing your design to potential customers. Don't forget to include a sketch or a photograph!