

## Grade 11 – Religion Through the Arts

### Relief Sculpture Assignment

**Relief** is a sculptural technique where the sculpted elements remain attached to a solid background of the same material. The term *relief* is from the Latin verb *relevo*, to raise. To create a sculpture in relief is to give the impression that the sculpted material has been raised above the background plane.



#### Your Assignment:

Take a piece of clay and create a 6" x 8" relief sculpture depicting a biblical event. Remember, artists at this time were NOT concerned with realism, but rather, in delivering ideas and telling a story. You are free to use an actual early Christian relief sculpture to base your work on, or, if you prefer, you are also permitted to create a completely original piece - so long as it is based on a biblical event/ story.

You will have two periods to work on this piece in class. Once complete, please take two or three pictures of your work and upload to your portfolio for evaluation.

- Tools Needed – Clay ( to be provided)
- Sculpting tools (to be provided, but feel free to bring in some of your own)
- Hand towel (you provide)
- A few sheets of paper towel (you provide)
- Soap (you provide)
- Small bowl (for water) (you provide)