

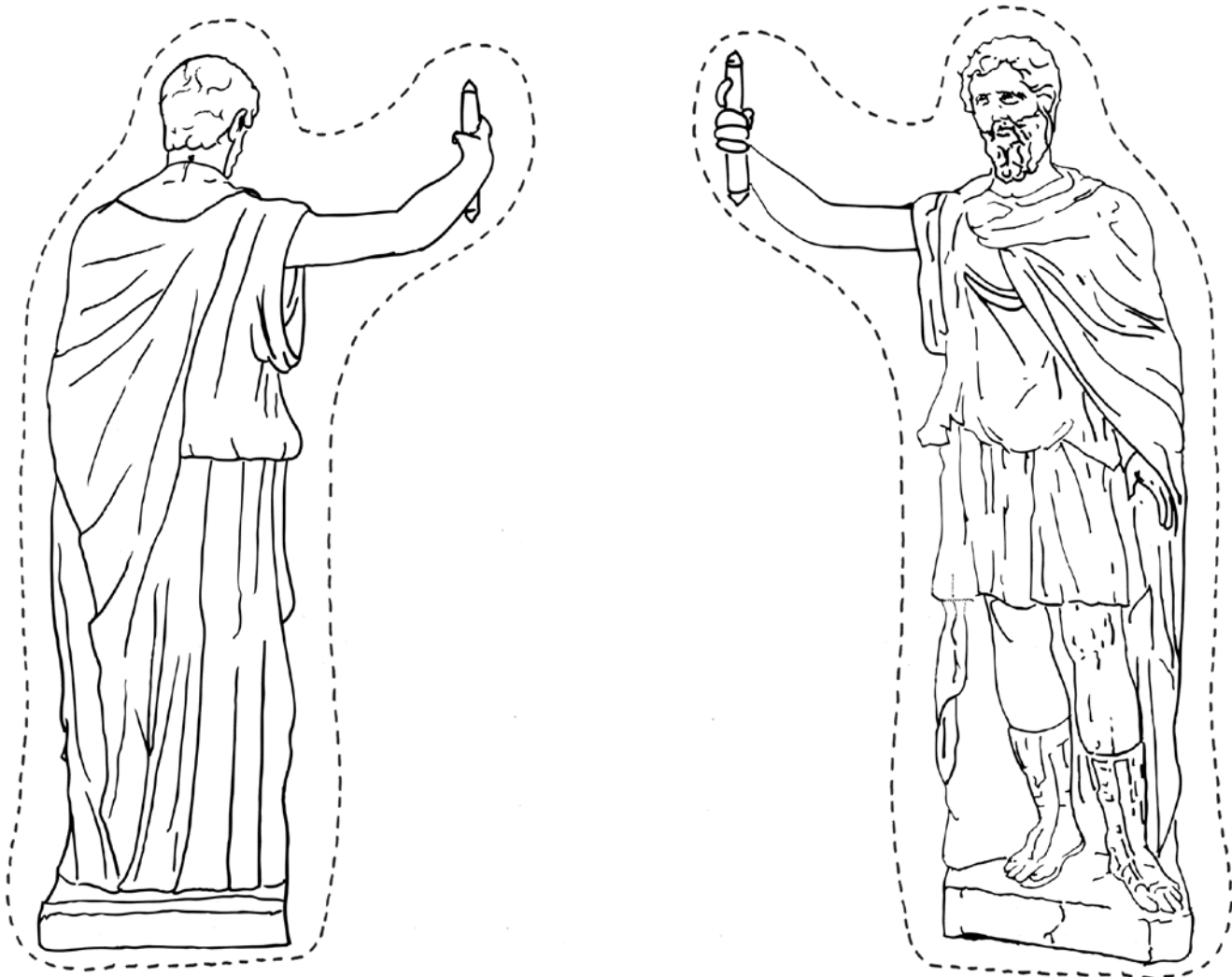
VMFA TAKE & MAKE

Septimius Severus: Emperor in Residence

Septimius Severus was born in North Africa around 145 CE and became emperor of Rome from 193–211 CE. In 1967, VMFA bought a sculpture of Septimius Severus, and over the years, people began to wonder if the sculpture was entirely ancient. In 2008, scholars began to study the sculpture more closely and performed scientific tests to learn when the sculpture was made. These studies proved that the statue's torso, upper legs and head were sculpted in ancient times, but the other parts were carved and added in the 1600s. Today, the statue of the emperor looks like it did in the 1600s.

DIRECTIONS

1. Use colored pencils or other drawing tools to color Emperor Severus as you like.
2. Use kid-friendly scissors to cut along the dotted line of both drawings.
3. Use tape to attach the end of a popsicle stick to the blank side of one drawing.
4. Attach the blank side of the other drawing to the same stick so that the shapes of the two drawings line up. You now have your own two-sided Emperor Severus puppet!



It's your art.