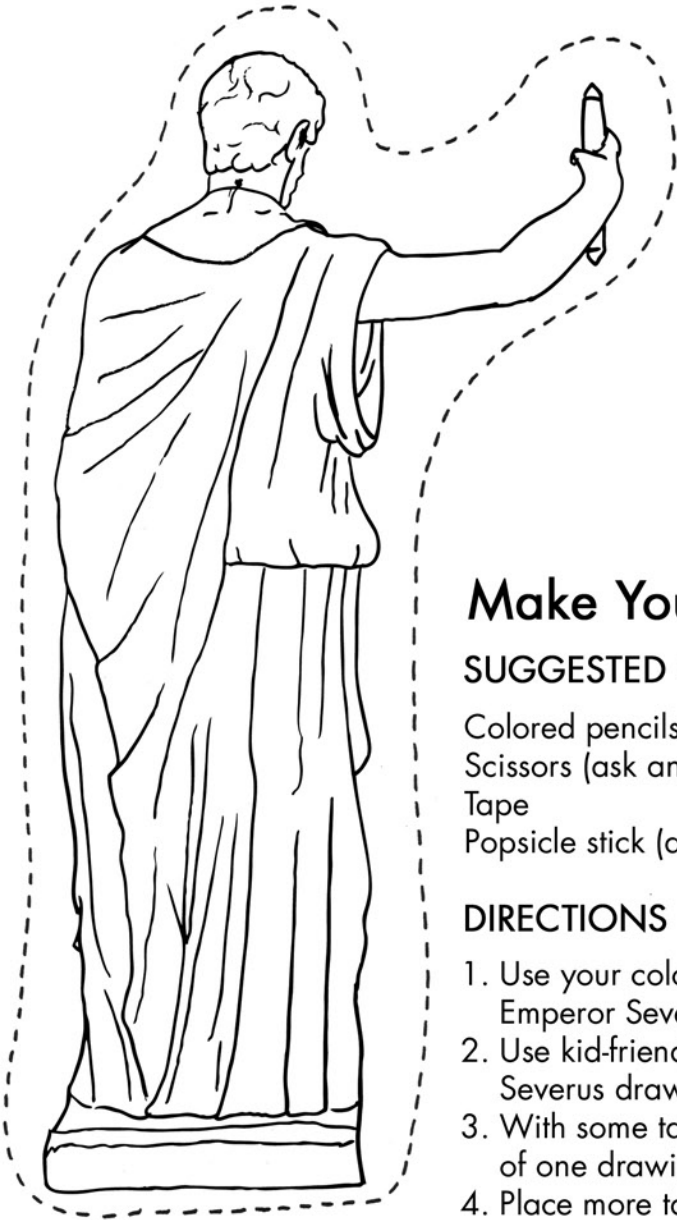
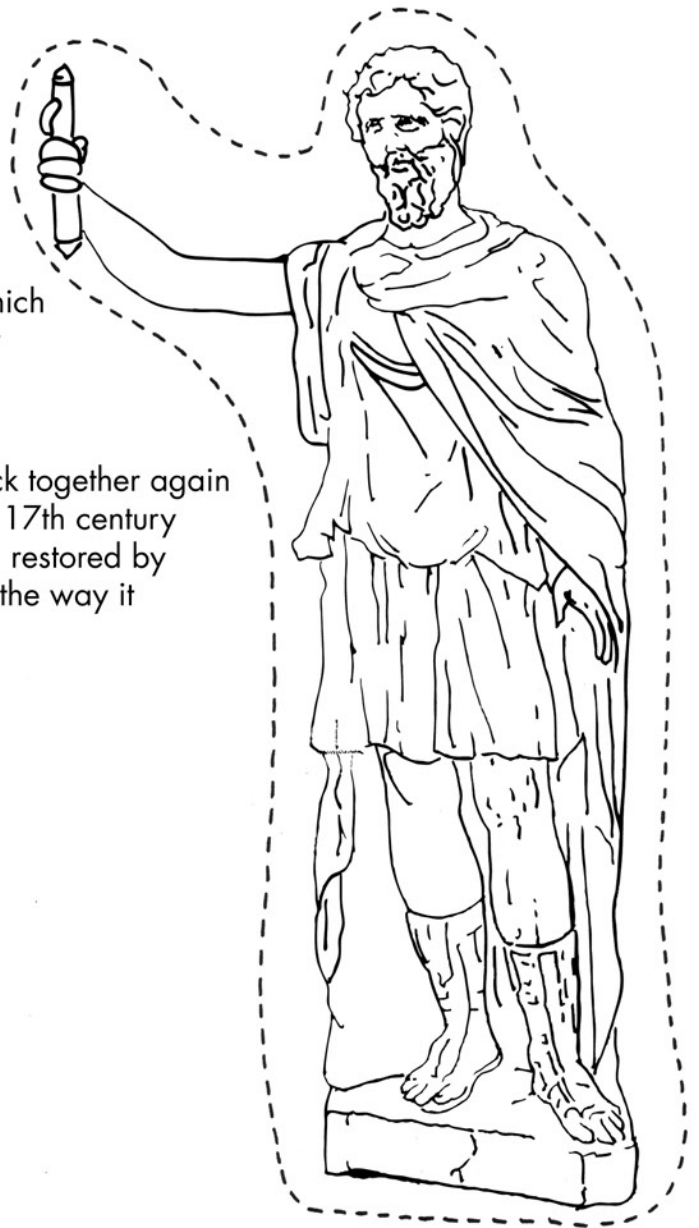


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Septimius Severus: Emperor in Residence

This marble statue of Septimius Severus has been at VMFA since 1967. Septimius Severus was born in Africa, but became Emperor of Rome. He ruled from 193-211 CE. Severus has not always stood as you see him now. Some believed the statue of Severus was not as ancient as it had first seemed. In 2007, scholars at the museum did many scientific tests and research which proved that his *torso* and *head* were sculpted in ancient times but the rest of him was carved in the 1600s!

So, much like Humpty-Dumpty, the Emperor was put back together again when the ancient head and torso were joined with new 17th century additions. Severus now stands as a statue that has been restored by VMFA, meaning that the sculpture has been returned to the way it looked in the 1600s.



Make Your Own Septimius Severus Puppet

SUGGESTED MATERIALS

Colored pencils, markers, or crayons
Scissors (ask an adult for help)
Tape
Popsicle stick (a pencil works too!)

DIRECTIONS

1. Use your 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 Severus drawings.
3. With some tape, stick one end of the popsicle to the back side of one drawing.
4. Place more tape on the back of the drawing and join the two sides together, so you have both a beautiful front and back to your Emperor Severus puppet!

TAKE IT FURTHER

If your Emperor Severus could talk, what would he say?

Use your Severus puppet to put on a show with your friends and family.

What would you look like as an emperor?

Use your imagination to design yourself as an emperor of an ancient or imaginary land.