

News Writing



Level 6

Bronze Makes Its Mark in the Art World

Greeks are using more and more bronze in making statues.

Bronze is valuable statue material because the sculptors are not restricted by a certain size block of material. Therefore, they can make the figure more lifelike and can experiment with different postures, especially action poses.

It is much lighter and less brittle than stone, so they don't have to support outstretched arms or legs. For example, the statue of Poseidon has two large outstretched arms, which would break if they were made of stone.

Bronze statues are made by the lost-wax method. Wax is molded around a clay core to make the exact shape of the statue with its details. Then more clay is pressed on, leaving a hole in the bottom. When the clay is fired, the wax melts and leaves a core attached to an inverted version of the statue in progress in the outer layer of clay. Bronze is poured into the hole and makes a hollow statue, an exact copy of how the wax looked before it melted.

This is a good example of a general introduction with following details. It is not necessary to have the first sentence act as its' own paragraph.