



Venice Carnival (February 11, 2026)

TEACHING GUIDE

i What? The Venice Carnival, a grand celebration with masks, colorful costumes, and parades throughout the city.

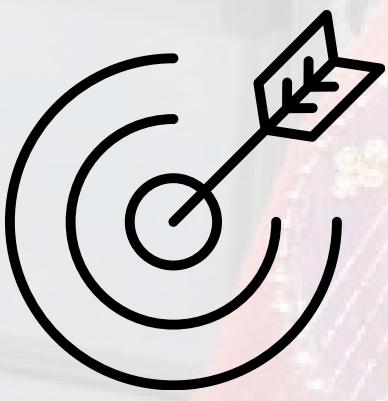
Who? The people of Venice, but also visitors from all over the world who dress up and celebrate together.

Where? In Venice, a city famous for its canals, bridges, and squares.

When? The carnival began on January 31st and continues until February 17th.

Why is it important? Because it's a very old tradition that allows people to have fun, dress up, and discover the history and culture of Venice.

For this activity, your goal will be to learn a little more about Venice and its carnival!



OBJECTIVES

- Locate Venice on a map.
- Understand the origins of Carnival.
- Identify traditional costumes.
- Read and interpret cultural information.
- Justify answers based on observed clues.



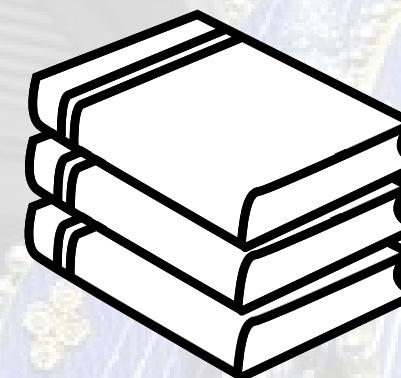
COMPETENCIES

- Research and select relevant information.
- Read and interpret cultural information.
- Compare characters and symbols.
- Establish connections between past and present.



GETTING STARTED

- Show a picture of the Venice Carnival.
- Ask:
 - "Why do people wear masks?"
 - "Why do you think this tradition still exists today?"
- Locate Italy and Venice on a map.



SUBJECTS

- **Social Studies / Geography**
 - Italy
 - The City of Venice
 - European Traditions
- **Arts**
 - Costumes and Masks
 - Symbols and Characters
- **English**
 - Reading Instructions
 - Comprehension of an Informative Text
 - Justification of an Answer
- **General Knowledge**
 - Historical Traditions and Festivals



DURATION

- About 60 minutes



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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STEP 1 — Venice, the city on the water. Discovery of the city using Google Earth and answer four observation questions.

Q1 — A winged lion. The lion is the symbol of the city of Venice.

Q2 — There are 11 sculpted heads.

Q3 — There are two sculpted heads, one on each side of the bridge.

Q4 — The city looks like a big fish!

STEP 2 — A spectacular carnival. Reading of a short text about the Venice Carnival and answer three comprehension questions.

Q5 — According to the text, in 1162.

Q6 — In 1979.

Q7 — Around 3 million visitors.

STEP 3 — Traditional Carnival Costumes. Observation of four traditional costumes from the Venice Carnival. Writing a short text about one of the costumes: description and justification.

Q8 — Personal answer.



WRAPPING UP

- Review:
 - the origin of Carnival;
 - the role of masks;
 - the importance of cultural traditions.
- Final question:
 - "Which costume made the biggest impression on you and why?"



FURTHER EXPLORATION

 Tony Stevens. *Venice for Kids: An Activity Book*. Education Resources International

