



Build your parachute

General information					
Respective blueprint	Build your parachute				
Description	Students will make their own parachute invented by Faust Vrančić.				
Learning objectives	 students will get to know Faust Vrančić's innovations students will make a parachute by comparing, the students will conclude what the relationship between the surface of the parachute and the speed of landing is 				
Related curricular subjects	Art, mathematics, physics				
Duration	45 min				
Level of difficulty	Basic	Medium	Advanced		
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Inclusivity guidelines					
How to integrate students with SLD	work in pairs, with the help of the teacher or other students Use colours to separate information and be consistent in your colour codes. Use clear visual elements without overloading them, to illustrate concepts and support the text. Ensure that the images used match the text. Use descriptions to explain diagrams and other illustrations.				
How to integrate students who work faster	Helping students who are slower in their work, creating a table in which data about the size of the parachute and the landing speed of the parachute will be entered				





Step-by-step description of the lesson				
Step 1: Inventor of the parachute - introduction	Estimated time: 10 min			
Every student knows the term parachute.				
 Students will learn about the innovations of the Croatian inventor 				
Faust Vrančić.				
 Faust Vrančić was born in 1551 in Šibenik, Croatia and died in 1617 in 				
Venice, Italy. He was a polymath, lexicographer, inventor and bishop.				
As a child, he attended school in Venice and then the University in				
Padua, where he studied law, engineering, physics and mechanics.				
One of the inventions is a parachute that the students will make				
themselves.				
Step 2: Making parachutes	Estimated time: 25 min			
Making parachutes:				
 Students make a parachute according to the teacher's instructions 				
 Drop the parachute from as high as possible. 				
Measure the landing time.				
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Assessment activities

Activity 1: Evaluation sheet

Students fill out the evaluation sheet.

Attachments

- Evaluation sheet
- Presentation about F.Vrančić

References:

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BRh3Ca96cgE
- https://enciklopedija.hr/natuknica.aspx?ID=65386















Faust Vrančić

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Homo Volans

Vrančić's masterpiece was *Machinae Novae*. It contains 49 pictures of 56 different machines and devices.

One of the illustrations in *Machinae Nove* is a sketch of a parachute - *Homo Volans* (The Flying Man).



The Memorial Center

In 2012 the Memorial Center "Faust Vrančić" was opened on the island of Prvić, Croatia.





Materials needed:

- rope
- plastic bags
- hot glue
- "parachutists" (toy or some other object)
- a ruler
- scissors



STEP 1:

- cut a plastic bag in the shape of a square
- put 4 wooden sticks on the back of the plastic bag



STEP 2:

 measure and cut 4 pieces of rope of equal lengths



STEP 3:

• prepare ropes for gluing where the wooden sticks cross each other



STEP 4:

 glue the ropes and wooden sticks to the cut square plastic bag



STEP 5:

• wait for the glue to set



STEP 6:

- tie the paratrooper with all 4 ropes
- drop the parachute from as high as possible.
- measure the landing time.



SELF – ASSESSMENT

NAME:

DATE:

l followed directions		
I did my best and had a positive attitude	0)	
l completed my work	0 0	
I liked the activities	0)	



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