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Standard: 7.4.5, Written and oral traditions of Africa

## THE MASK

West African story tellers are called griots. They were highly respected because they helped keep family history alive for future generations. Often griots used colorful and exaggerated props such as masks to tell their stories. Family stories would be told both orally and by acting out through dance performances.

In the space provided create your own mask that you could use to tell your family history. You should include 8 **symbols** on your mask that represent different aspects and values of your family . For example: You may make your mask green because your family is from Ireland or make a smile representing that your family values of sense of humor . On the back of this page number from 1-8 and make a key for your symbols.

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