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Summary

Trees represent life and growth in mythologies, legends, and novels. Trees are considered representative of life, wisdom, power, and prosperity. Philosophers regard trees as observers witnessing the evolution of humans and the planet around them. This project's objective was to learn about the symbolism of trees in different cultures and to create a personal representation of the idea of a "Tree of Life".



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Resources

1. **Sketch paper:** Provide each child with a pad of sketch paper for brainstorming and sketching.
2. **Art materials:** Choose a medium for the final piece, such as watercolors, colored pencils, markers, etc., and make sure you have enough supplies for each child.
3. **Display materials:** You'll need some sort of display, such as a bulletin board or an area on the wall, to showcase the final pieces.



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Workflow

- Begin the project by discussing with the children the idea of trees representing life, wisdom, power, and prosperity in different cultures and mythologies.
- Have the children research the symbolism of trees in different cultures and collect images of trees that represent the idea of a "Tree of Life".
- Ask the children to brainstorm and write down what the "Tree of Life" means to them personally.
- Encourage the children to use their brainstorming notes to sketch their own personal representation of a "Tree of Life".
- Using their sketch as a guide, have the children create their final piece using any medium they choose (e.g., watercolors, colored pencils, markers, etc.).

