



# SCARECROWS 2019



## Scarecrow Fun Facts to be used with Scarecrows Display (for K-2<sup>nd</sup>)

Scarecrows have been used for thousands of years to keep crows, other birds and animals away from crops from planting time through harvest.

### Scarecrows could:

- Be friendly and comical or frightening and scary
- Represent good or evil--under the influences of witches
- Represent the magic of life, death and rebirth
- Be alive, carved, stuffed, noisemakers or even chemicals

Throughout history scarecrows have been created and used by many different cultures and in many different places around the world.

### Scarecrows have been used in:

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| • EGYPT         | • ITALY                                    |
| • GREECE        | • GERMANY                                  |
| • BRITISH ISLES | • AMERICA (In the colonies & later the US) |
| • JAPAN         |  |

### Describe your Scarecrow! (Discussion Prompts):

- If you were to build a scarecrow in your yard, how would it look?
- What materials would you use to build it?
- What would it keep away?
- What might it attract?

**Extension Activity:** Draw a picture or a sketch of your scarecrow share it with classmates. Give your scarecrow a name and have a contest for your class to vote on their favorite scarecrow sketch.

