



## Steps for Creating a Collage

Collages communicate information through pictures and words that are pasted together onto poster board or another surface. The style of a collage depends on the topic and message you are trying to communicate.

### Step #1

#### **Identify your topic and message.**

Consider focusing on a topic that you know a lot about, one that connects with things you are learning, one that is of personal interest, relevant, or a topic that many people have different opinions about.

### Step #2

#### **Plan the design and layout of your collage.**

Consider the theme of your poster and design it in a way that reflects that theme. For example, for a serious or dramatic topic, you could use black-and-white photographs with red text. For a more fun look, you could use bright colours and a variety of fonts. Also, consider how to arrange the pictures and words: in different groups? In a circular pattern? Or another way?

### Step #3

#### **Collect graphics and text.**

You can cut out images and words from magazines or newspapers. Choose graphics that suit (match) your topic. For example, a fun or personal interest topic could use cartoon graphics, and a serious topic could use photographs and diagrams.

### Step #4

#### **Put it all together.**

Arrange your pictures and texts, and paste them in place. You can also use paint or a marker to add text, lines or shapes to your collage to emphasize certain things or convey your theme.

### Step #5

#### **Reflect.**

Reflect on your work and the process you followed to complete your collage. How would you create a collage differently next time?

