

Multicultural Collage

Assignment Goals:

To use the Adobe PhotoShop application and investigate various tools and features.

Use layers effectively in PhotoShop.

To use the tools to create a collage that represents the diversity of other cultures.

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Summary: Each student will create **three** separate collage pieces using the techniques learned in Adobe PhotoShop. These three collages along with a written piece will form a larger piece of artwork that will represent another culture. Collages will go on display in February.

Some links to use:

Cultures at About.com - <http://home.about.com/culture/index.htm>

Multicultural Resources From Wheeler College – <http://www.wheelock.edu/library/multi1.html>

Your instructor will show you some examples from previous years and past student work can be viewed on the Digital Photography website.

Component 1 - 3 Collages: Using three separate PhotoShop documents (letter size pieces of paper with borders = 10 x 8 or 8 x 10 inches), student will choose three of the categories listed below (one will be assigned) and create a collage for each that shows how the culture you have chosen is represented in those categories. You must demonstrate effective use of the different facets in each of the categories you choose - a minimum of fifteen cultural aspects per collage is required. Suggested techniques and tools to be used in PhotoShop would be layering, cut-out, transparency, 3-dimensional effects, etc.

Categories:

- Art (**required for everyone**)
- Religion
- People
- Traditions and customs
- Holidays and celebrations
- Architecture.
- Literature

Component 2 - Paper: Each student will write a paper that will consist of at least five different paragraphs. Your introductory paragraph will explain why you chose the culture you did. The second-fourth paragraphs will describe in detail what tools and techniques you used in Adobe PhotoShop to create each of the collage pieces. The fifth paragraph will be a summary of why your collages represent your chosen culture. This paper is due at the end of the project (see timeline).

There are many different cultures that can be studied. You should choose a culture that is new to you. This assignment will require research to be successful.

Component 3 - Presentation: Each student will prepare a poster with components 1 and 2 that best displays their artwork.

Timeline: (Mrs. Loveland only)

January 14-28: Research and work days

Final Collages Due: January 29 for periods 4/6 - January 30 for periods 3/5

Final Paper Due: January 30 all periods

February 1: Collages will go on display at ERHS

Some examples of collages you could create:

Show a structure, such as the Statue of Liberty. Use many different faces, colors, and textures to build up the figure.

Form the composite portrait of a single person, using features from pictures of many different people.

Show a building, such as the Capitol, using bits from many different pictures.

Create a map of the country. Give it a three-dimensional look and use different shapes, sizes and patterns.