

Collage Assignment

This assignment will allow you to introduce yourself to class (there are a few new people!), help me get a sense of who you are, your perception of what America represents or means to you, and start the year off with something creative.

Consider some aspects of yourself and your personality that you want to share. Then, create a collage that depicts these aspects of your life, personality, interests, values, including some reference to what America represents for you. To make your collage:

- 1) Begin with a **photo of yourself** in the center of **8½ x 11”** sheet of either white paper or colored construction paper.
- 2) Use **personal artifacts**, headlines and clippings from newspapers, magazines, photos, advertisements, cartoons, and other sources you think appropriate and paste them onto your paper.
- 3) Include at least one item but more welcome & encouraged that specifically addresses the question of **what America means to you**. (“When I think of what it means to be ‘*American*,’ I think _____ because . . .”)
- 4) Type a **key**—with your name and block on top—explaining what each picture/artifact/clipping reveals about you; attach it to the back of your collage. Number the front of each item to correspond with the numbers on the key.
- 5) Be prepared to **share your collage** with the class. The collages will also be posted in the room for the year . . . so make your collage presentable! ☺

** Please avoid including valuable items on your collage. A photograph or facsimile is perfectly fine. **

“Me” US Collage Rubric

CRITERIA	Unacceptable [F]	Not Yet [C, D]	Meets Standard [B-,B,B+]	Exceeds Standard (A-,A, A+)
Your name & photo of you are clearly identifiable on 8 ½ x 11 paper	___	___	___	___
Collage includes artifact/image of ‘your’ America	___	___	___	___
Variety of images and/or artifacts provided (at least 5)	___	___	___	___
Items clearly numbered	___	___	___	___
Explanations of images/artifacts clear, succinct, helpful	___	___	___	___
All collage elements are neat and clear (title, events, dates, images, explanations, etc.)	___	___	___	___
Effort and preparation evident	___	___	___	___