

**7TH GRADE IDENTITY COLLAGE
SKINNER WEST ELA
2017**

ASSIGNMENT: Make a self-portrait identity collage using what you have learned about your core self and external factors that affect your identity during the last few days of class. This project will be completed at home.

REQUIREMENTS

You will create a cultural identity collage in three parts. The first layer, the background will include identifiers that add to your self-identity. The second layer, the foreground, will consist of your core identity, the person you are under all the external elements that affect your identity. The final layer, the border, will be made up of the external factors that influence your true self. I recommend you complete the assignment in that order and perhaps breaking it up into smaller chunks, so you are not completing the whole thing all at once.

THE BACKGROUND

Consider layering these in a lighter or darker contrast to what you decide to include in your foreground

PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES: talents, hopes, experiences, personality, temperament, passions

THE BORDER-Choose small symbols or images to place around the outside edge of your poster.

EXTERNAL FACTORS THAT AFFECT IDENTITY SUCH AS, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- ❖ friends
- ❖ family
- ❖ media
- ❖ Heroes

THE FOREGROUND

Take a picture of your face (shoulders up). Print it out in black and white on regular xerox paper. This should be placed at the bottom of your paper. It should take up no more than half of the poster.

Next, find a way to visually represent each of your cultural identifiers. These should be placed all around your photo by cutting out and gluing images, symbols, letters to build words, and pictures from magazines or newspapers. As a last resort, you may find and print out images from the internet. You should have **at least** one images from each of the following categories:

1. Class (socio-economic status—you might have to ask parents for help)
2. Gender
3. Culture/Ethnicity (include at least one image for each)
 - language
 - heritage
 - religion
 - customs
4. Race (physical characteristics)
5. Education (What are your plans and goals? What kinds of schools have you attended?)
6. Age
7. Geography (Where have you lived? Urban/rural, apartment, house, other states, cities or countries)

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

Your full name must appear on the front, bottom center of the collage.

You should use cardboard or poster board size 12" x 17" to make your collage. Please keep your collage within these guidelines.

You will present your collage, with an explanation of **one** element from each of the three sections of your project, to the class. It will be publicly viewed in our classroom.

It is important that you think creatively about how to "show" without "telling" directly what your response is to each category. Please avoid writing the responses directly on the poster.

HOW WILL YOU BE ASSESSED?

Reading Grade (20 points)

Background (5pts.)
Foreground (12 pts.)
Border (3 points)

Speaking Grade (20 points)

Volume/Diction (3 pts.)
Preparation (5pts.)
Included and Explained one part of each section (6 pts.)
Eye-Contact (3 pts.)
Using the Space (3 pts.)

Writing Grade (30 points)

Introductory Paragraph (5pts)
Body Paragraph One-background explanation (5pts.)
Body Paragraph Two-Foreground explanation (10 pts.)
Body Paragraph Three-Border explanation (5 pts.)

Conclusion-How you felt and what you learned throughout the project. (5pts.)

If you follow all the directions on this paper, your collage is neat, and the final product represents time well-spent, you will receive a perfect score. Points will be deducted if you do not represent all 10 categories, your work is sloppy, late, or incomplete, or if you forget to put your name on it.

****THE COLLAGE WILL BE DUE IN CLASS ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10****