

Activity 1: Explore collage

Collage is a piece of art made by sticking various different materials such as photographs and pieces of paper or fabric on a backing.

Here are some examples of collages:



The first photo is a magazine collage, which means it's made out of photos cut from a magazine. The second is called a vision board. This shows the creators dreams and desires for their future. Look through some magazines or photo albums in your house. What are some things that you would like to put in a collage?

Activity 2: Focus on composition

In art, composition is the placement or arrangement of visual elements, such as figures, trees, and so on in a work of art. It can also be thought of as the organization of the elements of art.

Think about these different pieces of art:



At first you think there isn't any rhyme or reason to these collages but look closely. In the two vision boards, it seems that things are grouped into themes such as family, self, and travel. In the first image, the woman's face on the right is placed so that she is looking at the two sitting figures. Composition can tell us a story that the pictures alone can't.

Remember those pictures that you found in activity 1? Look at them again and see if they can tell us a story!

Activity 3: Create with color

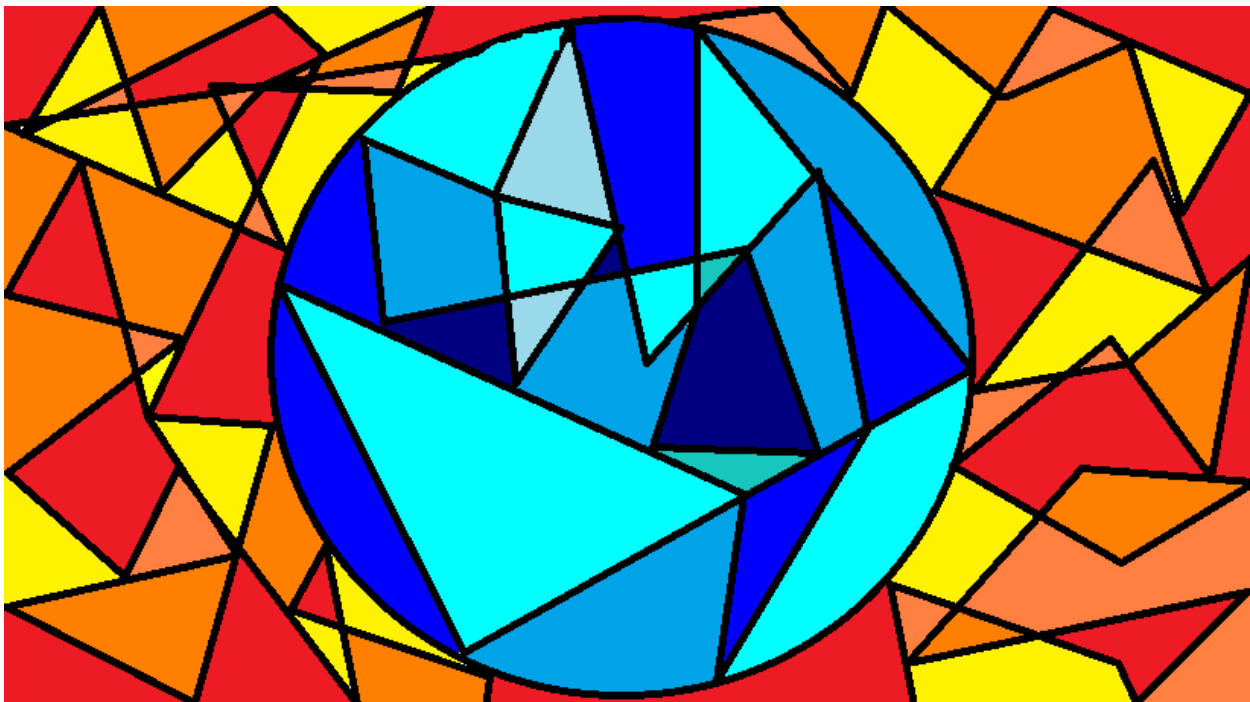
Color is another very important part of art. Color shows emotion, scenery, and all sorts of different things. What is your favorite color? Why? Does that color have a special meaning to it? My favorite color is blue, like a bright ocean blue. That's because when I think of that color or see that color, I think of my time near the ocean and all the good memories that come with it.

Artists use color frequently to help tell the story they are trying to tell. Look at the image below:



When the image has color, it shows bright and sharp picture. It looks as though the hair is golden and red, shining in the sunlight. To me, the person in the picture has curious eyes. But when we look at the photo in black and white, some of that emotion is taken away from us. We can't tell what color her hair is or the brightness surrounding her.

Think about how you would put color in a collage. Would it be bright and cheerful? Would it be full of blues? Reds? Greens? How would you use color to tell a part of your story. For a fun activity, open the paint app on your computer and create a colored image using shapes. Here's mine:



For me this depicts the calm within the storm. There's an isolated image full of calming blues surrounded by busier reds and yellows.

What does color mean to you?

Attention! You have completed Part 1 of the Senior Collage Artist Badge. Part 2 will be in next week's edition of the Grow From Home Newsletter!