

Culture Collage Assignment

Create a collage to represent your culture. As you design your collage, be sure to think about how you define your own cultural background for yourself. While composing this piece, take notes for yourself about your thinking related to your culture.

For your collage, you can use a variety of images, such as clippings from magazines, newspapers, or an Internet search. You can also create your own sketches or use your own photos.

Your collage can be a print or digital text. Some tools to consider for creating a digital text include

- Capzles
- Mural.ly
- Padlet
- Smore
- ThingLink
- VoiceThread

In a paragraph or two, write an explanation about your collage to explain how it represents your cultural identity.

Assessment Criteria

Your collage should identify characteristics of your cultural identity. These characteristics of culture are more abstract and metaphorical; consider them as “thinking about culture.” For instance, the United States is often characterized as “individualistic.” One way to represent that would be to include a picture of a person wearing a personalized shirt.

When others view this collage, it should be clear that you have identified a culture to which you belong. It should include

- Your identity related to the self and family culture, and/or
- Your identity related to the local community culture, and/or
- Your identity related to the broader American culture
- Specific artifacts of a culture (art, music, fashion, food, traditions, language, etc.)

Your collage will also be evaluated on the following criteria for attractiveness/appeal:

- Excellent use of visual design (which may include font, color, graphics, etc.) to enhance the work
- Thoughtful consideration of the rhetorical situation (mode and media, audience, purpose, situation)