

**Intended for Grades:** 4-8      **Est. Time:** 45-90 min.

**Lesson Title:** THE MANY PIECES OF ME - Collage Cover for Student Workbook

**Lesson Purpose: Students will:**

- \* Deepen their understanding about themselves
- \* Build connections with peers by sharing about their lives

**Materials & Preparation:**

- \* Art Supplies: Magazines, Scissors, Glue, Tape, and Pens
- \* Images that can help represent answers to these questions:
  - Who am I? -Where do I come from?
  - What is a natural element that represents me?
  - What am I interested in? -What do I love to do?
  - What are five dreams of mine? (3 short term & 2 long term dreams or goals)
- \* Before this lesson:
  - a. Create an example of this project about yourself to offer a model for students and to let them know more about you.
  - b. Ask students to bring in 1 or more magazines with pictures that interest them.

**Background Information:**

This lesson provides an artistic way for participants to deepen their sense of self. By reflecting about their personal interests, connections, and dreams, youth can discover information that can guide them in their day to day life choices as well as help them set short and long term goals.

**Steps:**

1. Introduce this project to students when you first talk about their class notebook or workbook. After explaining the purpose for this notebook and how it will be used, talk about personalizing their notebook exteriors to represent themselves.
2. Introduce collage art composition. Discuss possible representative images and the process of how they will create their notebook collage. Show an example if possible, describing the content reflected through the pictures.
3. Provide student work time, encouraging supportive collaboration among classmates. Set deadline for completion and remind students to plan a brief sharing about their collage. Ask them to answer reflection questions.
4. Provide time for students to talk about their designs. They can share their responses to the reflection questions below.

**Reflection Questions:**

- \* *What is your favorite image and why?*
- \* *What did you learn about yourself while creating your collage?*
- \* *What is something interesting you learned about your peers through this project?*

**Resource:**

<http://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Collage> - Seven Ways to Make a Collage