



A Norman Rockwell Art Lesson and Project

Focus: Art Elements

Ages: All Ages

Objective: For students to explore elements of art through collage design and express themselves by using magazine clippings and images to create their own multicultural message of peace.

It's up to you if you want to allow your students to convey a different message, but make sure they have a theme or message to convey and are therefore "telling a story" with their collage.

Materials Needed:

- Card Stock or Multi-Media Paper.
- Scissors
- National Geographic or other multicultural magazines with lots of people in them. For a teacher in a classroom or co-op setting we recommend pre-cutting the images out (especially if adapting for a younger class). This saves time and allows you to get right to the project. But for homeschoolers, most kids will enjoy doing their own hunting.
- Mod Podge.
- {Optional} Matte for framing.

Step-By-Step:

1. Before they begin designing their collage, go through the art elements with your class.
2. Pass out all the materials and allow children to select the images for their collages.
3. Next, have them come up with an arrangement.
4. Using mod podge, glue and shellac to make the collage. Consider whether or not you will allow them to add any multi-media other than magazine clippings; glitter for texture, etc.
5. Allow to dry.
6. Frame with matte if desired.
7. Afterward, have the students evaluate the outcome of the project. Do they feel successful about "telling their story?" What art elements did they use? What unexpected elements happened?

Resources:

[Norman Rockwell's Artwork](#)

[Norman Rockwell Calendar](#)

[Norman Rockwell :](#)

[Storyteller with a Brush](#)

[Rockwell Center](#)

[Elements of Art](#)

[Principles of Design](#)