

Coming-of-Age Collage

Alexandria Smith's artwork uses imagery out of context and juxtaposition to tell stories. Let's explore existing imagery and create our own stories through collage.

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Essential Questions:

How do you feel about being your age?

What age do you most look forward to being?

What does it mean to be a kid?

What does it mean to be a grown-up?

*What colors, images, objects, words remind you of being young?
Being old?*



1. Collect a variety of sources of images that you can cut into a collage. Please get parents' permission before cutting into anything. Sources could include; newspapers, old magazines, unwanted books, advertisements, catalogs, pamphlets, and junk mail.
2. Flip through your materials cutting or tearing out images that spark your imagination. Include body parts, faces, objects, foods, toys, patches of color, words, letters - anything that pops out to you.
3. Place your images together and think about what sorts of stories you can tell with your pieces. Use the essential questions to think about childhood vs adulthood like Alexandria Smith.
4. Using adhesive - tape or glue- arrange your images in a composition together that suits your story.
5. Share your collage with your family. Discuss your answers to the above questions and how you represented those ideas in your collage. Ask your family how they would respond to these questions.