

Unity and Variety

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

Student will be able to create a mixed-media collage that balances unity (a cohesive theme) with variety (visual interest).

MATERIALS NEEDED

- A mix of materials: colored paper, magazine clippings, fabric scraps, buttons, or other small craft items
- scissors
- glue stick
- a background paper
- markers

HANDS-ON ACTIVITY

1. Choose one unifying element for your collage: either a single color family (e.g., all shades of blue/green) or a single theme/subject (e.g., ocean, space, garden).
2. Gather at least 6-8 different materials/textures (paper, fabric, magazine clippings, etc.) that all connect to your chosen unifying element.
3. Arrange and glue your materials onto the background, making sure every piece relates back to your unifying color or theme (this creates UNITY).
4. Within that unity, make sure you include variety by using different sizes, shapes, and textures so the piece doesn't look repetitive or boring.
5. Write a title for your finished piece and one sentence explaining your unifying element.

QUESTIONS

1. **What unifying element (color family or theme) did you choose for your collage?**
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2. **List 3 different materials or textures you used to add variety within your unified piece.**
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3. **How would your collage look different (worse or less interesting) if it had unity but NO variety?**

4. How would your collage look different if it had variety but NO unity?
