

Layers & Digital Collage

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

The student will use digital layers to build a multi-element collage, understanding how layer order affects the final image.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- A tablet, phone, or computer with a free drawing/collage app that supports layers
- Notebook paper for planning

HANDS-ON ACTIVITY

1. On notebook paper, sketch a quick plan for a collage scene (example: an underwater scene, a city skyline, or outer space) listing at least 4 separate elements (example: background sky, sun, buildings, clouds).
2. In your digital app, create a new layer for the background and fill or draw it first.
3. Add a new layer for each additional element in your scene, drawing or placing one element per layer (at least 4 layers total).
4. Experiment with reordering two layers (move one layer above/below another) and observe how it changes which elements appear in front of or behind others.
5. Save your final collage and, in your app or on paper, list the final order of your layers from bottom to top.

QUESTIONS

1. **How many layers did your final collage have, and what was on each one?**

2. **What happened when you moved one layer above another? Describe the visual change.**

3. **Why is drawing a background on the bottom layer usually a good strategy?**

4. **How is working with digital layers different from drawing a collage on a single piece of paper?**

