

Making a Collage

Activity by michelle for Advanced EFL learners (2019)

The MoMA, the Museum of Modern Art in NYC, offers some videos and other materials to help people learn to appreciate art. I'm sharing one of their activities because I'm sure you'll love it!

- **Task at home.** Create your own collage that features a person and reveals something about their emotion or state of mind. Start with images cut out of magazines and newspapers. Think about subject matter, style, and composition, then come up with a title for your work. (Source: MoMA Learning)
- **Task in class.** Share! Show us and tell us about the process, if you like. We can also talk about our collages, about the experience of creating them, of trying to express something on identity in this way! Remember to book a date so we can get organized!



To get you inspired, I'm sharing this very interesting collage by Deborah Roberts: "Still We Rise"*, 2017, mixed media on paper.

Source: <http://moorewomenartists.org>

Deborah Roberts's website:
<http://www.deborahrobertsart.com/>

Roberts's work confronts preconceived ideas of beauty and culture, and this connects with our task: identity.

*"Still We Rise" is a famous 1978 poem by Maya Angelou, and this collage is building on that from Roberts's own world.

You can listen to Angelou's poem in the author's own recitation at <https://youtu.be/JqOqo50LSZ0>



Collage on June Jordan (US American poet) by Alexis Pauline Gumbs

Collage by Millie Bartlett

