

# CHALLENGE 1: Storytelling

## photographing your space

Photography can be a great medium for artists to express how they feel and can help us tell a story or convey a message. A series of images can help set the scene and can tell a richer story than just one single image. Showing different kinds of framing and focusing in on details gives us more information than one wide shot of the entire space.

## MATERIALS

A device to take pictures with (Camera, smart phone, or tablet)

A space you spend a lot of time in

## EXAMPLES



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## STEPS

### Vocab

- **Birds Eye View** -taking a photo by holding the camera above your subject called
- **Worms Eye View** - taking a photo by holding the camera below your subject
- **Eye Level** - the photo is taken from the point of view of the subject being photographed

### Shoot

- Find a space that you spend a lot of time in. This could be your room, school, church, car, or an activity you do.
- Look around the area, what are some objects you use a lot or are really important to you.

- Take at least 10 pictures focusing on different parts of the space.
- Print out your favorite photos and arrange them together

#### Tips

- Get in close! Photographing the details of your space can give us more information
- Use different angles for an interesting perspective

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## CHALLENGE 2: Storytelling

### Photomontage

What is a photomontage? It's a way of joining two or more images to create a new work. The individual parts can simply overlap or they may be cut and joined in intricate ways. Some artists even photograph the finished photomontage so that it appears as a single, seamless image. Whether it's created by hand or by digital tools, artists choose the process to communicate an idea visually that is otherwise difficult to capture in a typical photograph.

## MATERIALS

A device to take pictures with (Camera, smart phone, or tablet)

Prints of your photos

Scissors

Double sided tape

## EXAMPLES



## STEPS

### Vocab

- **Collage** - Combine different photos/materials to create an artwork with a new message.
- **Photomontage** - combining two or more images together to create an artwork

### Create

- Find a scene you would like to photograph
- Take lots of overlapping photos, don't worry about the photos being level
- Print out your images and arrange them in the general spots they should go
- Try to recreate the scene as best as possible
- Cut some photos to help align the images better
- Remember, the images do not have to align together perfectly!

### Tips

- Cutting vs ripping
  - Cutting with scissors leaves a clean line and can make nice shapes
  - Ripping will leave rough edges and will have a more organic feel
- Gluing techniques
  - Make sure you glue all the way to the edges
  - Use a scrap piece of paper to glue on so you do not get unwanted glue on your collage
- Layer! Adding multiple layers makes your collage have texture and will make it more visually interesting

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