



Digital Empowerment

Turning Passion into Civic Action

CREATE AN ACTION BOARD

Putting your passion into pictures can inspire you to make change! Here are some tips on how to create your own actionable collage:

Think visually. Flip through magazines or newspapers (or look online) to find and cut/print out pictures that represent your issue. For example, if you're passionate about voter registration in your town, find photos of student "get-out-the-vote" marches, people lined up to vote on Election Day, flags and other images that represent American freedom to you.

Tip: If you feel something when you look at the image, clip it! Add words. Snip out words or phrases from advertisements or create your own relevant words or phrases about your issue using bold, bright lettering. Put it all together. Once you've collected your images, glue them to a board (or save them) so you can see them all at once. Let the inspiration flow! Get creative with your design—there's no right way to compose your collage since it's completely personal.

REFLECTIONS

- 1 After you've made your collage, devise a plan to take one action on behalf of your issue. You may decide to sign or write a petition, volunteer one Sunday or speak at an open town meeting.
- 2 Using your collage as inspiration, write a short paragraph that details what your passion issue is, what action you'll be taking and the ways you think your action will help cause positive change.
- 3 Hang your collage in your bedroom (or anywhere you'll see it often) to inspire yourself to take more steps to make change. Remember, even small actions add up. You have the power to make a difference!

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