How to Use a Collage in My Classroom

1. As way to introduce myself to my students or for them to introduce themselves to the class at the beginning of the year.

2. As an assessment tool after discussing major topics in science. For example: renewable, non-renewable, and inexhaustible resources. Students could create a collage inserting pictures and text to distinguish between the 3 different types of resources.

3. As a brochure to entice people to move to “their” assigned colony during our thirteen colonies unit in social studies. They could then present their collage brochures on colonial day.

4. As an end of year project. Each child could create a collage in a PowerPoint slide letting the upcoming 5th graders know what some of their favorite topic, units and activities were. They could also leave them some tips for “surviving 5th grade”

5. Groups or pairs of students could create a collage of one of the six major land biomes or two major water biomes. They could include information and pictures about the types of plants and animals that live there, report on the yearly rain fall and climate.
**Elements Used in My Collage**

1. All of the pictures were taken from my iPhoto account and arranged Picasa to create the general layout of my collage.

2. I used clipart to find the picture of the cupcake to put my birth date on.

3. I used the picture tool bar to change the color tone of the cupcake clipart.

4. I used word art to make my birth date wrap around the base of the cupcake.

5. I used the grouping option to make sure that the cupcake and birth date stay together if they are moved around on the page.

6. I used the auto shape tool to create the name plate in the top left hand corner of my screen and changed the colors to make the bottom of the background.

7. I used word art and symbols font to create the Delta Zeta letters at the bottom of the page. I also used the text effects option glow to add the white boarder around the letters.

8. I used Google to search for images for the Dixie Dude Ranch picture at the top of my page, the Texas State Bobcat mascot in the bottom right corner, as well as the Apple logo in the upper middle portion of my page.

9. I used the picture formatting tool bar to remove the white background from some of the above mention images.

10. I found the background image on [www.shabbyblogs.com](http://www.shabbyblogs.com) and cropped, cut, and pasted to get rid of the middle white space. I also the name plates and used text boxes to add text.