What is a photo collage?

- A type of two-dimensional art that combines photographic images.
- Together, these images create a new meaning/message.
- In the United States and in Europe, Artists began to make photo collages just before the 1920s.
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Key Words:
- Abstract
- Composition
- Coller (to glue)
- Support
- Space
- Texture

Sherrie Levine (American, b. 1947), President Collage 1, 1979. Photo collage, 61 x 45.7 cm (24 x 18 in.). Museum of Modern Art, New York

László Moholy-Nagy (American, born Hungary, 1895-1946), Cover Design for Spandau-Haselhorst Housing Development Prospectus, ca. 1928-29. Photo collage, 42.7 x 49.4 cm (16 13/16 x 19 7/16 in.). The J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles
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Questions:

❖ What message would you like to show in your collage?

❖ How do pictures help you show your message?

❖ How does color change the mood or the message of the photographs?

❖ Do you want your collage to have a lot of space? Or, do you want to fill the support with photographs?

❖ Do you want to add words to your collage? Or, do you think photographs alone show your message?

❖ Do you want to cut your images for smooth edges? Or, do you want to tear the photographs for texture? Do you want to cut out new shapes from your photographs?

Gustav Klutsis (Russian, born Latvia, 1895-1938). *The Development of Transportation*, 1929. Photo collage, 73.3 x 50.5 cm (28 7/8 x 19 7/8 in.). Museum of Modern Art, New York