

**Session Title:**

Digital Collage

**Presenter:**

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**Elevator Pitch:** Take a deep dive into creating a series of digital collages using Google Slides! In this session, you will learn how to use Google Slides to combine images and words to make digital collage art! I will show you some of the more advanced Google Slides image editing options and give you time to create and explore.

**Materials:**

Computer or tablet, access to Google Slides (students who are using iPads will need to make sure they can access Google Slides via the web - not through the Slides app), access to [www.remove.bg](http://www.remove.bg), access to YouTube; access to Unsplash and Pixabay recommended (but not required)

**Session Description:**

In the first portion of the workshop, students will learn how to transform a space-themed page of text into a work of art that captures the overall theme or mood of the piece by using selected portions of the text combined with collage elements, known as blackout collage. This portion of the workshop will last approximately 30 minutes and will include: a ten-minute guided minilesson on the skills needed to create their piece and twenty minutes to practice.

In the second portion of this workshop, students will build on their collage skills to create a more involved digital collage that illustrates a quote of their choice from a quote bank of quotes from astronauts. This portion of the workshop will last approximately 30 minutes and will include: a ten-minute guided minilesson on the skills needed to create their piece and twenty minutes to practice.

The final 25 minutes of the workshop will be set aside to give students a chance to refine one of their pieces that they will then add to a shared folder or slide deck for us to publish.

The skills learned and practiced in this session can be used by students and teachers to up their Google Slides game and allow them to see how easy it is to create engaging art using Google Slides. Teachers will also learn a couple of strategies (blackout poetry and digital collage) that are transferable to most subject areas.

Students will learn and practice the Google Slides skills, including:

Finding and selecting images that are free to use

Cropping images

Formatting images, including changing transparency and recoloring

Working in layers

Searching for and using: transparent images, silhouettes, and patterns  
Removing backgrounds from images

**Teacher Expectations:**

Teachers are expected to support students in the classroom while they work and to be ready to relay any questions the students might have via the chat in Zoom. Students who are using iPads will need to make sure they can access Google Slides via the web (not through the Slides app).