

## Materials

- Drawing utensils (e.g., pen, pencil, crayon, marker)
- Paper for collaging (e.g., magazines, books, newspapers)
- Paper for background (e.g., construction paper, card stock, copy paper, etc.)
- Adhesive (e.g., craft glue, tape, glue sticks)
- Scissors

## Instructions

### 1. WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE IN?

Artists as activists use art to fight for change in expressive and creative ways. Ijeoma's practice illuminates issues of social justice through works of art, such as *A Counting*, by addressing the undercounting of marginalized communities in the United States census. Art is essential because it can give you a creative outlet to share what you believe in and what changes you would like to see in your community.

### 2. SELECT WORDS AND LETTERS

Think about a topic or issue that you care deeply about. What word or words come to mind that relate to your topic? Which word or words best express something important you want to share? Pick your word(s), then look through your materials and tear or cut out the words and letters you want to use. Be sure to pick letters and words that vary in size and color to create variation throughout your composition.

### 3. SELECT IMAGES AND SHAPES

When you think about the topic you are sharing, what images come to mind? Look through your paper for collaging to tear or cut images or shapes that help share your message.

## 4. ARRANGE WORDS AND IMAGES

Will your collage have a focal point? In what ways will your artwork convey your important message and idea? Select a layout, then arrange your words, shapes, and image onto your background. Once you feel that your layout communicates the message you want, glue or tape down your collage to your background.

## 5. PERSONALIZE

Using your drawing materials, add color, additional text, or patterns to your collage.

### **Art is Essential**

Inspired by *A Counting*, the work of conceptual artist Ekene Ijeoma and his group Poetic Justice at MIT Media Lab which hopes to amplify voices in marginalized communities, create a collage expressing your response to social, cultural, and political events of our time.

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### **Activist**

A person who works to bring about political or social change to solve a problem or improve a community.

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Share your text collage with your community and share your artwork with CAMH using the hashtags #MuseumFromHome #ConnectWithCAMH