

Leading Ladies Creative Challenge: My Life's Tapestry

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Activity Overview

Grade Level: High School (9th – 12th)

Subjects: Visual Arts, Language Arts

Estimated Time: 30-45 min

Materials Needed: Cardboard or construction paper, scissors, glue sticks, tape, markers, colored pencils, or crayons, magazines, newspaper

Activity Format: Individual

Summary: Students will read through The National Theatre's *Leading Ladies* website and use the biographies of the women on the site as inspiration to think about the students' own life journeys. Then, students will create a "Life Tapestry" or collage that highlights key moments in their lives.

Activity Guide

- Ask students to select newspapers or magazines that stand out to them and cut out images, pictures, words, or sayings that represent their lives' journeys.
- Encourage the students to answer the following guided questions while selecting the images for their Life's Tapestry.
 - Where are you from?
 - What are your most notable accomplishments?
 - What are some challenges that you have overcome?
 - What are your hopes for the future?
 - What aspects of your life are similar to or different from the women highlighted on The National Theatre's website?
- Instruct students to make their final selections and adhere the elements onto the construction paper or cardboard.
- Once students have completed their Life's Tapestry they can share them with pairs, small groups, or the whole class.