

“Three Shots”: Ernest Hemingway’s Nick Adams



My Childhood Collage

Student Name _____ Date _____

Now that you have read “Three Shots” from *The Nick Adams Stories* and discussed how *where* you grow up can affect *how* you grow up, create a multimedia collage of childhood experience similar to the one you read in “Three Shots.”

Your collage should depict **ONE** experience from your childhood that was particularly memorable because of your growing awareness of becoming an adult. Think about the people, places, activities, and events that were significant to that memory to tell a story with your collage. Don’t be afraid to think outside of the box!

Consider all these questions as you create your collage:

- What types of activities, customs, culture, background, food, language, clothing, etc guide your everyday life? Contemplate how growing up in another country would change your childhood experiences. What experiences have you had and what activities have you done that other people might not have as a result of where you live?
- What are some issues that you dealt with while growing up (gaining independence, taking responsibility, first love, earning/saving money, learning about adult issues such as marriage, family, divorce, and death)? Think about some moments where you realized you were not a child anymore.
- Have you had the experience of independence like Nick Adams, and what emotions did it cause you? Fear? Joy? Embarrassment? Regret? What objects or colors do you associate with these emotions?

You may use any size of paper that you would like for your collage, but make it at least 8 1/2” x 11” and fill the entire paper. Use at least three different types of mediums in the collage (photographs, newspaper, string, wrapping paper, construction paper, cardboard, foil, paint, oil pastels, colored pencils, markers, crayons, computer digitization, fabric, wallpaper, etc.).

After you have completed your collage, explain why you chose this particular childhood memory and why you depicted it as you have by writing or typing a paragraph and attaching it to the bottom of the collage. Your explanation should be thorough and describe your particular memory as well as the objects in your collage, use of particular mediums, and colors used. Write your name on the collage.