Quick Guide Lesson: Word Cloud Collaboration

- **GOAL OF THE LESSON:** *First project of the year to begin the year through confidence building and applying application concepts for beginner or first time users.*

- **ADDITIONAL HELPFUL TIPS/RESOURCES:** *Each year I begin with a collaborative art project in order to connect all of my students no matter the grade level together through their art. At the end of this Word Cloud Project, I have students export and upload their work to Canvas. I download their work and upload to* **https://mosaically.com/.** *I used our school mascot as our base image that was composed of all of my students work! I also highly recommend pre-recording the process of each lesson for students to follow step by step. This allows you to differentiate and assist students on a one to one basis during class!*

PROGRAM(S) USED:

- *For this particular lesson, Photopea was used. This could be easily adapted to GIMP.*

STUDENT EXAMPLES:

QUICK START DIRECTIONS:

1. Have students brainstorm 10-15 minimum words that describes their personality, goals, interests, hobbies, and favorite activities! This is a great sketchbook activity!

2. I then prompt my students to pick an object that they will be using to shape their words into. I show them examples and explain that their shape will be built from the 10-15 words mentioned above. The largest word must be the student's name, second largest is their goal for the school year. The remaining words will be comprised of 10-15 words from step 1. I require students to incorporate at least 2-3 colors throughout their word cloud.

3. After the brainstorming session we discuss what a word cloud is and how they are "built". Each student creates a sketch including color as their plan for creating the digital piece to refer during the creation process. ANY digital art lesson always requires sketching!

4. Students now begin on Photopea or Gimp with an artboard the size of a 8x8 inch but can be easily changed if you wish! I have students take a photograph of their sketch to use as the "frame" on Photopea. I have also given students the option to use a royalty free image from pixa-bay or pexels to use as the "frame" or base to shape their 10-15 words into. I explain that these base images or "frames" will be deleted. The goal is that their words will create the shape of their original chosen base image/frame.

5. Students will then use the pre-recorded video created by me uploaded to Canvas to go step by step through the project. They will use the text tool to type their words, free transform to scale their words, bucket or gradient tool to fill the background.

TOOL(S) USED:

Text Tool, Free Transform, Paint Bucket, Gradient Tool, Layers.

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