

# DIGITAL **AGNES**

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## **Creative collages**

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## **SPEAKERS**

Charlotte Gagnier

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## **TRANSCRIPT**

**Charlotte Gagnier:** Have you ever made a piece of art out of lots of smaller pictures like this one here? This way of making art is called collage. You can include lots of different materials in a collage. It could be paper materials, like photographs, drawings, images from magazines, or pages from books. You can also include small objects, like bits of string, lace, buttons, or leaves from a garden. And you can create your collage on any surface, a piece of paper, a box, or even a sketch book cover are great places to start. It's interesting to think that this type of art is made by recycling or repurposing items. The artist who made this collage is called Napoleon Brousseau. Looking at his work is almost like playing a game of I-Spy. I can see 2 snakes, 2 dogs, an upside-down hill, and paper money. For this collage, Brousseau mostly used photographs. He cut or tore each one into the shape he wanted then arranged them into a new picture. Once he set the pictures down, he painted and drew on top of them. See how the red and black markers make the grass and trees stand out? When you look at this work of art, what stands out to you? Can you think of a theme that connects the images?