Collage Book Report

Collages are a lovely way to express your imagination and thoughts on what you have read. For this activity, your collage needs to express setting, characters, and ideas in the book you have read.

Here's what you need to make a collage:
- Old magazines, catalogues, or computer generated images
- Glue
- Scissors
- At least 8½ by 11 sheet of construction paper, poster board, or cardboard

Here's what to do:
Search through magazine or catalogues and find pictures that interest you and pertain to your story. Computer generated images are fine, too! I will be looking to make sure that your pictures relate to the setting, characters, and overall idea/plot of the story. Using your scissors carefully cut out the pictures you like and lay them aside. You will need at least 15 pictures. The pictures can be any shape and size. Included in your collage, you will need to have the title and author of your book.

Before gluing, it’s best to get an idea of how you want your pictures and words to look. So your next step is to lay out the pictures on the heavy paper or cardboard you will be using for the collage background. Overlap the pictures. You want to make sure that none of the background will show. After you are satisfied with your layout, carefully remove the pictures and lay them on the work space beside the background. Smooth a thin layer of glue on a small section of the background. Begin placing your pictures on the background. Don’t use too much glue or the edges of your pictures will curl! Using a gentle touch, smooth the pictures. Make sure the pictures overlap. Repeat this process until the surface is completely covered. Finally let the glue dry.

***In addition, you will need to include a written explanation of your items and how they relate to your story. This will be typed up with a heading. You will categorize your work into three sections. The first section you will label SETTING. You will then need to write about the picture/words you included for the setting and why. The second section you will label CHARACTERS. You will then need to write about the picture/words you included for the characters and why. The third section you will label PLOT. You will then need to summarize the plot and explain the pictures/words you included for the plot and why. If there are any additional pictures you included that don’t belong in these categories, make a new category and explain them.