**Art I**

**Lesson: Socially Aware Collages – A Study of the Art of Romare Bearden**

**Grade level**: 9-12

**Overview**: Class will take an intense look at the artwork of Romare Bearden, famous African-American collage artist. After spending several days looking at the life and art of Bearden and discussing the ways in which he acted as a social activist through his artwork, students will discuss issues or social awareness and/or humanitarian concern which are deeply important to them. *Each student will choose a social concern that is of great importance to him, personally.*

Class will discuss **mood** as created through **imagery and color**.

**Each student will create a collage which evokes a desired mood and sends a message of social concern to the viewer.**

Collage: 10 x 15 illustration board

Cut imagery from magazines or printed from the internet

Other textures and materials such as; fabric, paper, wallpaper, etc.

A planned and well thought out background treatment

Overall good design and precisely created collage ready for presentation

**Collage Due: October 14, 2008**

If additional time is needed outside of class, students may be permitted to take projects home and work on them in the evening. If the student does not bring his project to work on in class, he will be given a zero participation grade for the day and will be considered unprepared for class.