

Holiday Puzzle Frames¹

Grade Level: 2-5

Time Frame: 1-2 hours

Overview	The purpose of this lesson is to have students work individually to create a photo frame with a photo inside for their guardian as a gift for the holiday season.
Objectives	<p>Following this lesson, students will have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cropped and resized a photo using the simple online photo editing application Picjuice ▪ Created a photo frame from popsicle sticks ▪ Decorated their photo frame ▪ Assembled the photo and photo frame using glue and construction paper as a background
Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Computers (one for each student) with Internet connection ▪ Individual photos which you will have already scanned, if necessary, and saved onto each computer ▪ Color Printer ▪ Scissors ▪ Construction paper ▪ Popsicle sticks ▪ Liquid Glue ▪ Puzzle Pieces ▪ Other decorations (sequins, stickers, beads, yarn, etc.)
Procedure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ask students to begin by accessing Picjuice through www.picjuice.com and uploading their individual photos. 2. Walk students through cropping and/or resizing their photos as desired and then saving the edited image to the computer. 3. Tell students to print their new photos. 4. Ask students to cut out their photos. 5. Demonstrate gluing 4 popsicle sticks together to create a frame and have students follow your example. 6. Ask students to then glue on puzzle pieces and other decorations in a random fashion around the frame. 7. Ask students to glue their picture onto the center of a piece of construction paper and then glue that to the back of the frame. Yarn can be attached to the back with glue for hanging. Allow a day or so for drying before sending home.
Evaluation	Students will be evaluated on their ability to follow oral directions.

¹ Adapted from <http://www.lessonplanspage.com/ArtChristmasPictureFramesIdeaK5.htm>