



## **SIGNS OF THE TIME**

Signs and symbols are everywhere – we use them to communicate, direct, warn and advise. The symbolic language of our culture is so deeply ingrained into social consciousness that we often are unaware of the impact. This assignment requires an examination of the signs and symbols commonly used in the United States. The end product will be a poster that asks people to identify recognizable symbols. Using magazines, newspapers, photographs, or drawings, collect and identify the signs of the time. Remember, your examples may not include written or spoken words.

### **ORGANIZATION**

Look for signs and symbols in the following categories:

- Advertising
- Traffic signs
- Directions
- Warnings
- Pop culture
- Gestures
- Facial expression
- Other areas

Look through old magazines, newspapers, take photographs or draw symbols. Cut and paste the signs and symbols and arrange on a poster. Make sure the pictures are large enough for all students to see them on the poster. Number each sign/symbol but do not label. Answer sheet should be included on the back of the poster.

Find at least two examples for each category. Be sure to include a title and your names on the poster.