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Piece name: *Aloha to Protecting our Planet*

This collage is like a vibrant scrapbook page celebrating the beauty of Hawaii! Instead of using a standard grid layout, I arranged the pictures in a dynamic way to create a more visually engaging composition. The bright pinks, yellows, greens, and blues evoke a tropical feel, and the large pink hibiscus flower serves as the focal point, drawing the viewer's eye immediately. The contrast between different image sizes and styles—such as the real photos juxtaposed with playful cartoon drawings—adds visual interest, while maintaining a sense of unity by tying everything back to the theme of Hawaii. The balance between energy and harmony in this piece makes it feel lively and fun.

The collage showcases Hawaii's stunning natural wonders—such as a waterfall, lush green landscapes, a sea turtle, tropical flowers, and palm trees on the beach. By highlighting these breathtaking sights, I hope to inspire a sense of awe and a desire to protect them. Including the sea turtle serves as a reminder of the diverse wildlife that inhabits these ecosystems, urging us to consider their well-being as well.

The artist I drew some inspiration from is Andy Goldsworthy, known for creating intricate sculptures using natural materials like leaves, stones, and twigs. His art celebrates the beauty of nature, and because his sculptures are temporary, returning to the earth over time, they invite reflection on the transient nature of life. His work encourages a deep appreciation for the environment, much like the message I aim to convey with my collage.

In terms of social responsibility, I believe that nature is an invaluable treasure that we must actively protect. Through this collage, I wanted to share the awe I felt during my spring break in Hawaii and encourage others to take more mindful actions to preserve the planet. My hope is that this artwork inspires viewers to think about how we can all contribute to keeping the Earth beautiful for future generations.