

Visual Art Starters

Portray Yourself



Face Talk

Portraits capture not only the image of a person, but also their feelings and emotions. In this activity you will select two artworks and investigate their meanings: What do you see, think and wonder about?

What do you need?

- pencil
- Portray Yourself Images Sheet.

Let's start

1. Choose two portraits from your images sheet.
2. LOOK at one artwork at a time. While you are looking, think about:
 - What do your eyes first see when you look at the picture?
 - Who is the person? Why did they have a portrait made?
 - How does it make you feel?
3. Record your answers for each artwork below.

Portrait 1 title:

(eg *Portrait of the Painter Manuel Humbert*)

What do I see? (eg Man in a chair wearing a tie.)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What do I think? (eg He looks a bit sad – maybe he's lonely.)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What do I wonder? (eg I wonder where he lives.)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

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Portrait 2 title:

What do I see?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What do I think?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What do I wonder?

- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

What have you discovered?

Find a partner and share your responses.

Think about

Some questions to think about with your partner:

- What else do you see?
- Why was the artwork made?
- What are the colours in the artwork?
- How do the people feel? Are they happy, sad, excited?
- Does the picture show where the person was from? What is their culture?
- Which picture did you like best and why?

Let's share

Join in a class discussion and share your thoughts.