MY PORTRAIT

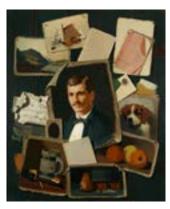
Look

Portraiture is a popular art form that was used throughout history to capture the appearance, wealth, personality, and even the mood of a person. Some artworks are self-portraits, meaning artists represented themselves, while others are portraits that artists made depicting others. Explore PAFA's online colletion (Click **HERE** and just type in the keyword "portrait" in the search).

Here are some examples that we have selected:



Joan Brown, Self-Portrait, 1977, Oil on canvas



John F. Peto, *Patch Self-Portrait with Small Pictures*, n.d., Oil on canvas, 29 x 24 in.



Louis B. Sloan, Self-Portrait in Landscape, 1970, Oil on canvas, $48\,1/4$ x $42\,1/4$ in.

Think

Look at each painting and think:

- What is going on in this artwork?
- What materials did the artist use?
- What time period is this person from?
- How do we know?
- Is it a self-portrait or a portrait? (Hint: read the title of the work)

- What details do you see that tell you more about this person?
- How does the artwork make you feel?
- · What did the artist do to make you feel that?

Make

Feel inspired? Now it's time to create your own self-portrait. First, think about the following questions: What is your favorite season? What is your favorite hobby? What is your favorite color?

Try to find a way to show the answers to these questions in your self-portrait, so the viewer learns more about you! For example: If my favorite season is winter, I could make a portrait or myself wearing a hat, coat, and scarf.

Pick materials that you'd like to use: crayons, color pencils, markers, collage paper, etc. Make your own self-portrait, using the second page of this activity or any paper you have at home!

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