

Gallery Activity: Personality Profile

Focus: To personify a portrait.

Description:

- Select a work of art, preferable a portrait.
- Ask participants to complete a Personality Profile based on the work of art. See worksheet below for details.
- Present profiles to larger group and discuss.
- Support your answers with visual clues.

Tips

- This activity works best with images of figures or portraits.
- You may choose one image to have the whole group work with, or allow participants to select the work of art on their own, in pairs, or in small groups.
- Prompts can be adapted to suit individual needs or interests.

Extensions

- Write biographies or newspaper articles about their characters.
- Select other works of art that the characters might want to have as friends.

Suggested Artwork:



Mary West, *Male Portrait and Hand Studies*, pencil, 1891, Gift of Mrs. John D. West, 79.67.3

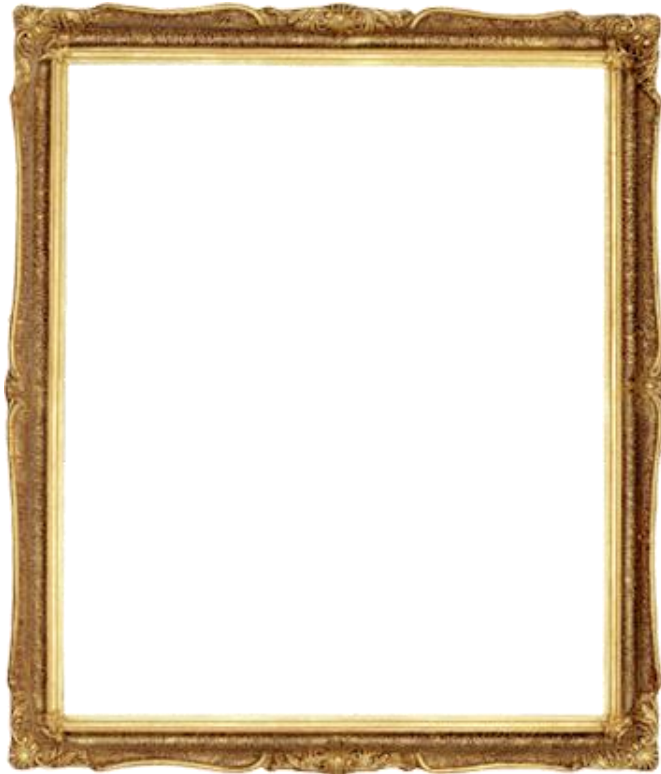


Steve Bigler, *Deborah Seated*, pencil, 1977, 78.36, museum purchase



Rembrandt Peale, *Portrait of Ann Foster Swift*, oil, 1836, 82.206, Gift of Mrs. John D. West

Personality Profile



Name: _____

Nickname: _____

Age: _____

Best Friend: _____

Favorite Color: _____

Pets: _____

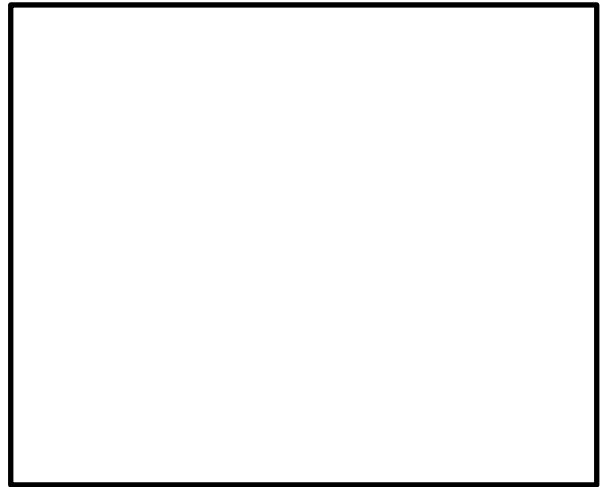
Favorite school subject: _____

Least favorite school subject: _____

Favorite activity/hobby: _____

PERSONALITY PROFILE

WORKSHEET



Title: _____

Artist: _____

Date: _____

Directions: Draw the selected portrait in the box above. Then fill out the information below as if you are the person in the selected portrait.

Name: _____

Date of birth: _____

Favorite color: _____

My last meal was: _____

Last book read: _____

Favorite type of transportation: _____

Favorite quote: _____

I believe in: _____

My hero is: _____

Behind my back people say I am: _____

People like me because: _____

My most valued possession is: _____