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: _____________________________________________