

Portrait Personalities: Finding A Friend!



A C T I V I T Y S H E E T

When an artist paints a portrait he/she sometimes tries to show us what a person is like on the **inside**, not just what he looks like on the **outside**. To find out what messages the artist may be revealing about the subject of a portrait, we must look for the **visual clues** that he/she has left for us. (**Visual clues can be:** use of color, line, shape, light and shadow, texture; objects contained in the portrait; background; facial expressions and body language.)

First, think about what kind of **character traits** or **qualities** (kind, good listener, honest, etc.) are important to you in finding and making friends. List them below.

Now, walk around this gallery and look at the various **portraits**. Can you find a **portrait** of a person that would fit the **qualities** you are looking for in a **friend**? Write the name of the portrait here: _____

This portrait might not match all your qualities entirely, and that's ok! This person might have other personality traits that you might not have included at first!

Now, what **visual clues** do you see in this portrait that reveal his/her personality? List them below:

Is there anything that you would like to know more about this person that you **can't find** from looking at the portrait? If so, list your question below.

Now, write a short **biography** describing, in detail, your "friend's" **personality** below. (Refer to your list of visual clues above for ideas.)

Be sure to share your **biography** to the class and let them try to guess which portrait you chose! (Or trade with a classmate and try to guess each other's.)

