

## Art - 20.4.20

### Portraits

All artists conduct research before starting a piece of work.

Over the next five weeks, we're going to be creating a portrait. I'll do this with my own children at home too and will share the results with you all as long as you engage and submit some excellent learning.

By either using any books you have or by looking online, research four different portrait artists. Look for portraits that you like and collect some images on a Google document. Look at my examples below. Find facts and figures, but also put your opinions in.

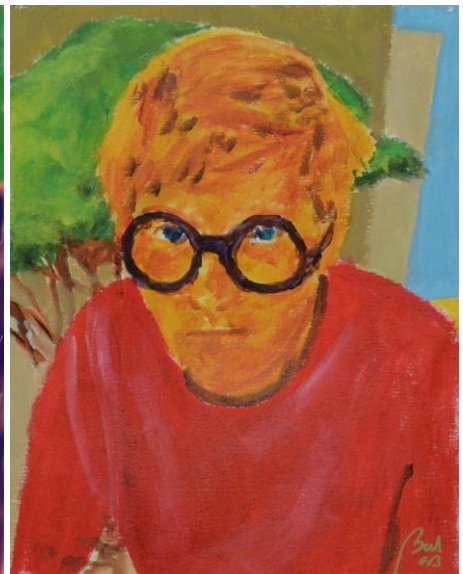
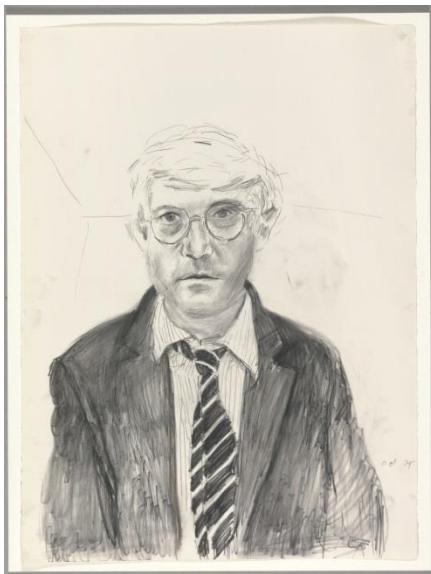


Mona Lisa – 1503 – 1506

I believe the artist – Leonardo Da Vinci became obsessed with this painting and worked on it for many years after 1506 – on and off.

The *Mona Lisa* is one of the most valuable paintings in the world. It holds the [Guinness World Record](#) for the highest known insurance valuation in history at US\$100 million in 1962. Equivalent being \$650 Million Dollars in today's money.

I find all the work of Leonard Da Vinci to be so inspirational. I'm intrigued by this person and his artwork. This portrait makes me wonder so many things such as why she is 'half-smiling'. I've seen this in real life and was surprised by how small it was. I love the dull muted colours which give this painting a calm and melancholic feel. To me, the horizon line seems lower on the left-hand side – really strange, but fascinating.



David Hockney – Born in 1937 and still alive today. One of my favourite artists who has created many fabulous pieces of art and was very influential in the early part of his career. Above are just a few of his self-portraits. I love his pencil drawings and the different marks he makes. The paintings are great too, I think bold colour is really important to him, perhaps more so than the detail. Often, he doesn't even attempt to create work that is photorealistic, I don't think this matters. I think his portrait as a younger man makes him look serious and ambitious. The painting as an older man makes him look knowledgeable and somehow questioning, it makes me feel like he is asking me what I think about something.

**Remember, we're only looking for things that we find interesting that might influence us later on. There is no wrong way to conduct research.**