Self-Portraits

Old portraits tell us more than just what people looked like. Look at the primary resources in the Faces section with your students, asking what the portraits have to tell us about the people. Can you tell anything about their jobs or hobbies from the objects in the portraits? Can you tell anything about their personality from their expressions and body language? What does their clothing tell you?

Have students create their own self-portraits. They can draw, paint, or use cameras. Rather than focus on what they look like, students should focus on what they want their self-portraits to tell people about them. Ask them about the setting for their self-portrait, what they will be wearing, what objects might they include, and what expression they will give with their faces and bodies.
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Draw a self-portrait or attach a photograph of yourself here.