

Portrait Questions

- What is the first thing you notice about this person?
- What does the facial expression tell us about them?

Their posture? Their gestures?

• How about their clothes? The setting? The props they are holding?

• Do you think they work? What do they do?

• Would you like to meet this person? Why or why not?

• What do you think the sitter wanted their portrait to communicate?

• What do you see that makes you say that?

Portrait Vocabulary

Portrait a representation of a person or group of people

Sitter(s) the person (or people) who is (are) shown in a portrait

Facial Expression the way the different parts of the face work together to show emotion

Gestures what the sitter does with his or her hands

Posture the position of the body

Setting the place or environment in which the sitter is shown

Attire the clothing the person in the portrait is wearing

Props the things the sitter is holding or is surrounded by

Commission to order something to be made, like a portrait

Artist someone who creates art

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