

# ART DETECTIVE: PORTRAITS



Watts Gallery – Artists' Village is a museum and art gallery near Guildford where two Victorian artists, George Frederic (or GF) and Mary Watts, lived and made paintings, drawings, textiles, pottery and sculpture about 120 years ago.

There are lots of portraits and self-portraits on display at Watts Gallery – Artists' Village and we'd like to share some with you.

A portrait is a picture of a person.

A self-portrait is a picture of the artist, painted by the artist themselves.

## **LOOK**

Be an Art Detective; pick a portrait or self-portrait and look closely to find out more about the person.

What do you see in this picture?

Who could this person be?

What kind of colours can you see in the painting? Are they bright or dull, is there a lot of colour or not very much?

How do you think the person feels? What clues can you spot? Perhaps their face tells you, or the way they are posing.

What do you like and dislike about this painting?  
This could be anything! Try to think of one answer for each.

Can you think of five words to describe this painting?

## THINK

Become the artist and plan a picture of your own. You can write notes below.

Who will you draw? You could make a self-portrait, or a portrait of someone else; perhaps a family member, friend or someone famous.

What feeling or emotion would you like your picture to show?  
How will you do this?

What colours will you use?

Where will you be?

Planning notes:

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## MAKE

Draw, paint or collage your portrait in the gold frame, ready to display on the wall!