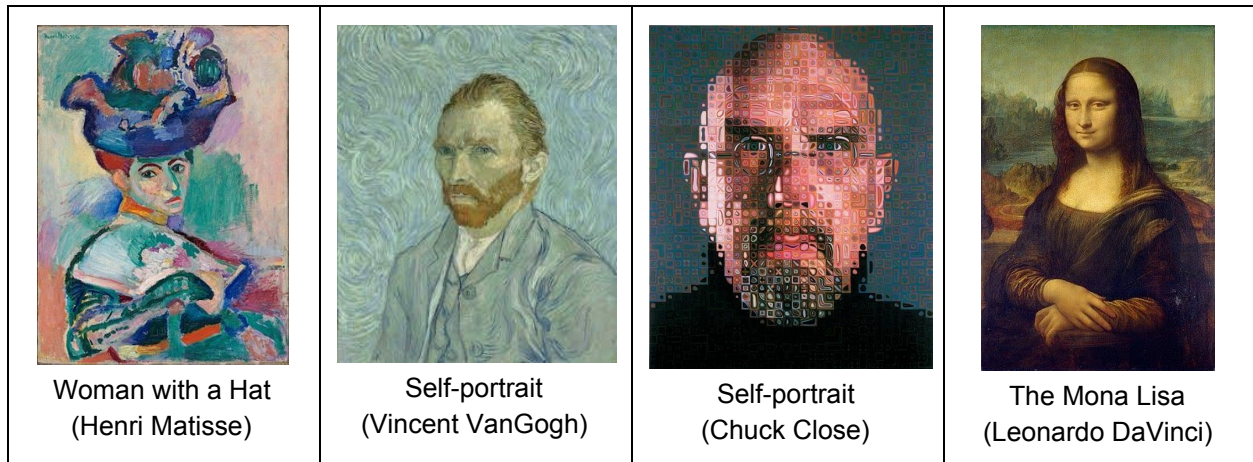


Portraiture - Learning to Look

A portrait is a painting, drawing, or photograph of a person, especially one depicting only the face or head and shoulders. Portraits can communicate a lot of information to the viewer through things such as colors used, the type of background that is included, and tiny details that are added.

Below are four examples of portraits by well known artists:



Choose one portrait from above and use the following questions to help guide you as you write a description about the person in the portrait! Use your imagination and have fun!

- Who do you think this person is? List adjectives that describe them and how they might be feeling.
Some examples include: courageous, triumphant, powerful, proud, determined, energetic, stern, happy, handsome, content, formal, calm, uncomfortable, dignified, old, powerful, heroic.
- What are some visual clues that tell us about the life of the person?
Some examples include: clothes they are wearing, facial expression, and artistic style.
- How do the colors used make you feel? Do they depict a certain mood?

Write a grade appropriate amount about the portrait you chose. Don't forget to share with me!
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