

Strike A Pose!



J. Alden Weir
Portrait of a Lady, ca. 1880
Oil on canvas, 395/8 x 321/4 inches
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Portraits

Let's explore portraits from the exhibition *Legacy of Firsts: The Everson Collects* on view at the Everson Museum of Art.

Portraits are images of a single person or group of people.

Look at this portrait from the Everson's collection and think about the questions below

What does this portrait tell us about that person? What is their mood? How can you tell? What is she wearing? Can you tell anything about the person based on their clothing and the setting of the painting?

Now it's time to make your own portrait using materials you can find right at home.

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Take a photograph of a person at home or use a pencil, markers, crayons, or whatever you have at home to create a drawing.

Before you get started think about the following and what it might tell others about that person:

What will they wear?

What will the setting be?

How will they be posed?

What kind of expression will they have on their face?

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