Portraits, Women, and Poetry

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What sparked your interest in history?

Chippendale double chair settee with ball and claw feet and a crushed velvet seat





Antiques aren't pretty



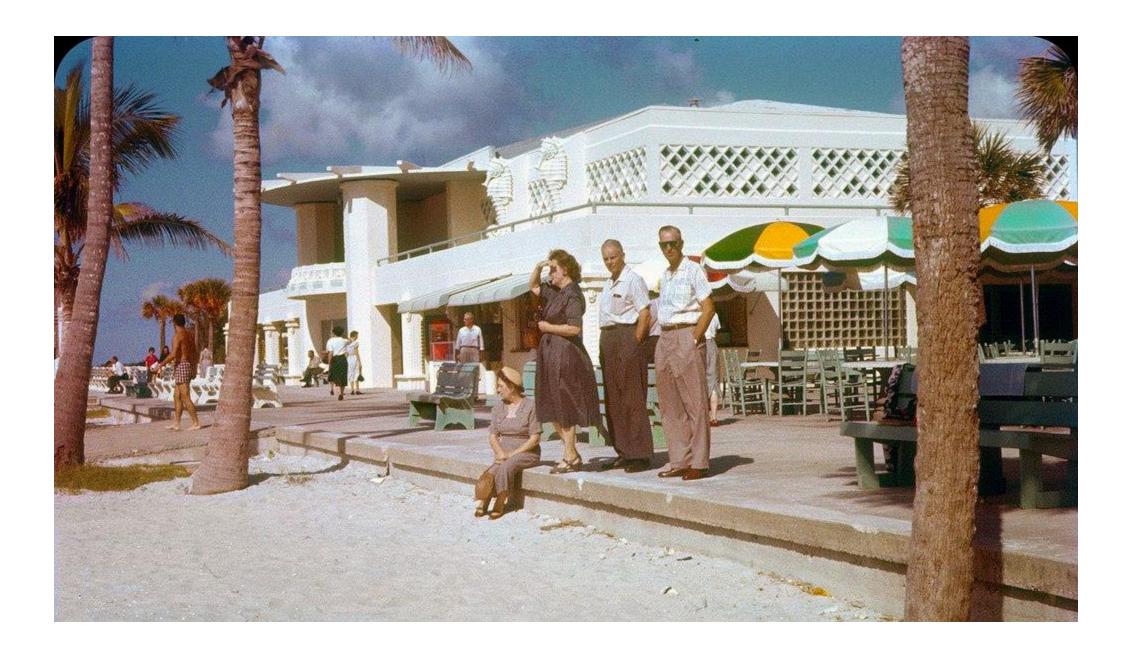
No such thing as a "drape" Window treatments



Sofa never a "couch"









Goals for today's Presentation

There's more to a portrait than you might think. Portraits are often viewed as a mere depiction of a person when in actuality they can be read as biographies that communicate significant information about a person's life.

Bonus Goal: Write 6 word stories about amazing women.

Kennedy Center's Definition

Arts Integration is...

an APPROACH to TEACHING
in which students construct and demonstrate
UNDERSTANDING through an
ART FORM.

Students engage in a **CREATIVE PROCESS**

which **CONNECTS** an art form and

another subject area and meets

EVOLVING OBJECTIVES

in both.

Introducing Portraits

What is a portrait?

Where do you see portraits?

What should you notice when you see a portrait?

Pass the Portrait

Portraits are works of art about a person or people, can be stories about the person, and can be made by using many different media, in many different styles, while representing many time periods and cultures.

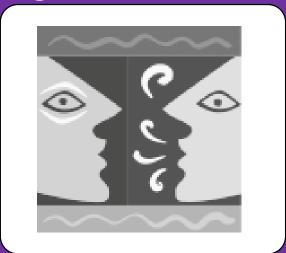
Observing Portraits



Interpreting Portraits



Talking about Portraits



Inquiring about Portraits



Observing Portraits

Facial Expression

What mood or feeling is the person's face expressing?

Focal Point

Where are the person's eyes looking?

Gesture

What is the action or pose of the body?

Clothing

What is the person wearing?

Setting

Where is the person?

Objects

What other things are in the portrait?

quantity

size

color

OVERALL ESSENCE:

What is going on in the portrait?
What is the portrait mainly about?
What is the artist telling you about the person?

SPECIFIC DETAILS:

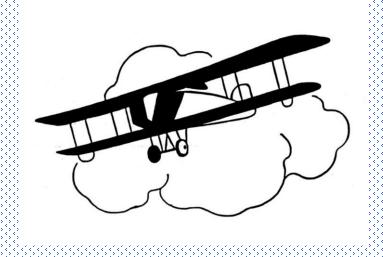
Why did the artist choose to create that facial expression? focal point? gesture/pose? clothing? setting? objects?

What is significant about the size? quantity? colors?

CONVERSATION STARTERS:

When I see	, it makes me think it makes me feel it makes me wonder	_·
I think I feel	because I see because I see	
l wonder	because I see .	

Bessie Coleman Aviator





Commemorative Stamp of Bessie Coleman

Photograph, Commemorative stamp of Bessie Coleman. The stamp was issued in 1995 by the United States Postal Service. Image courtesy of The Florida Times-Union. Image available on the Internet and included in accordance with Title 17 U.S.C. Section 107.



Bessie

Portrait, Bessie Coleman. Image available on the Internet and included in accordance with Title 17 U.S.C. Section 107.





Mary Wirth Trick Rider





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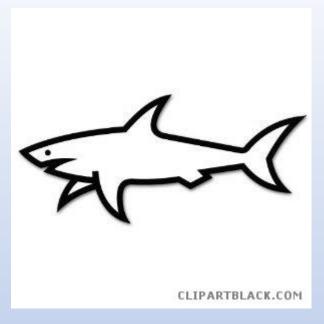
Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus poster featuring the equestrienne May Wirth (1924) — Private Collection



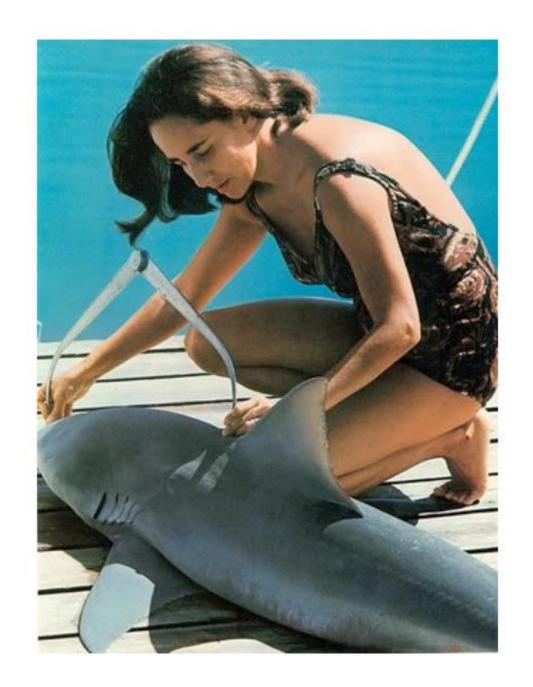
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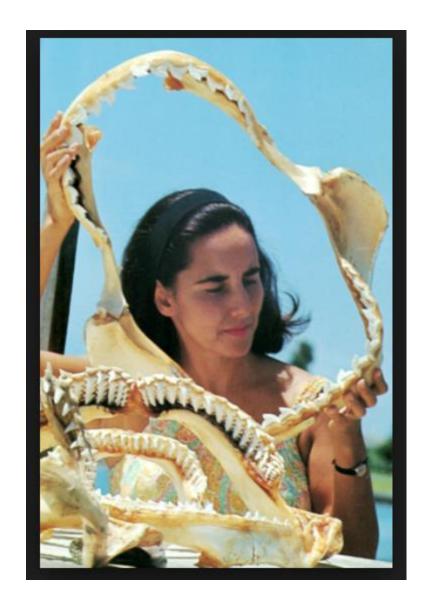
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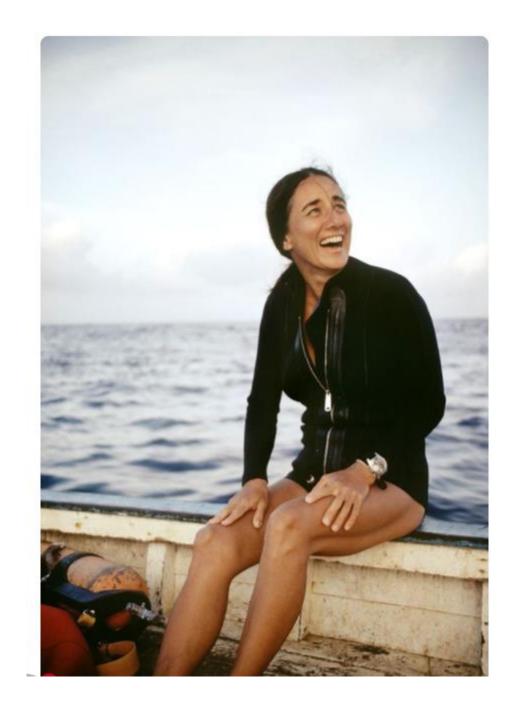
May Wirth and friends (1920) — Photo by Harry Atwell © Ringling Museum of Art, Circus Collection



Eugenie Clark

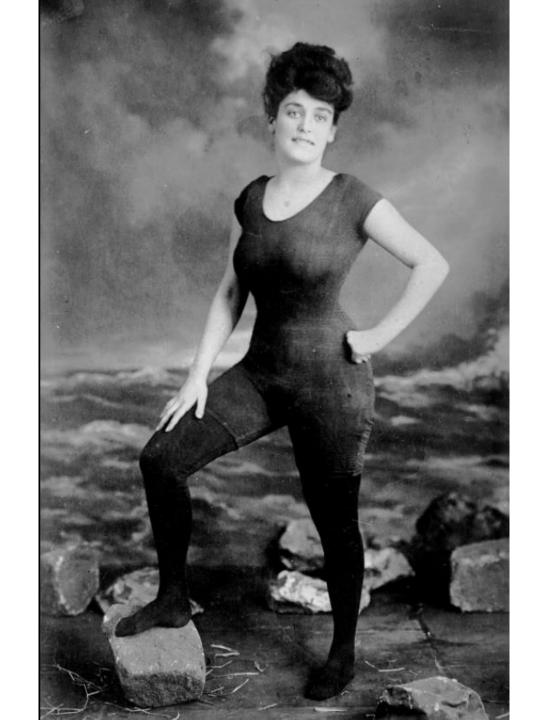






Annette Kellerman



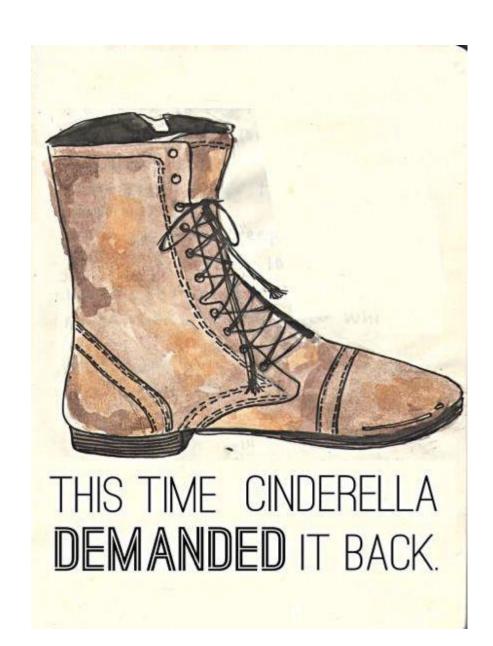


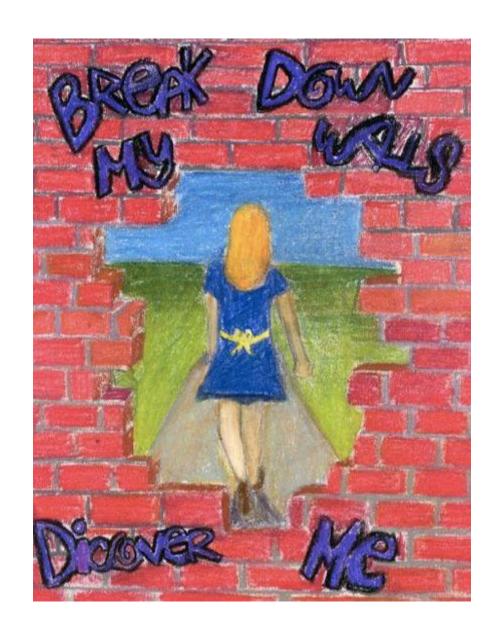




6 Word Stories

For Sale: Baby Shoes. Never Worn.





Sounded much better in my head.

Your turn