



Lesson By:

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Grade: 6

Subject: Visual Art

Date: October 2025

Topic: Identity Self-Portraits

Notes:

Brief Lesson Overview:

Students learn rules for drawing portraits and then draw their own self-portrait that express their identities.

Materials Needed:

Paper, markers, pencil crayons, pencils. Practice worksheet (next page).

Learning Outcomes:

CH 6.1 - Explore identity and art
CP 6.11 - Use art to express ideas about identity
CR 6.2 - Identify ways art can express identity

Structure / Activity:

1. Explore self-portraits ([this is a good video](#)).
2. Rules for drawing faces (on practice worksheet - next page). Complete practice drawing.
3. Brainstorm a list of words that students feel express their identities.
4. Students should draw their good copies on a blank sheet of paper.
5. In the background, students should draw in words that express themselves and their cultural identities. [These are good examples](#). Think about using different colours and styles of writing (like graffiti and cursive writing).

Photo of Art Project:



Artist's Name: Sarah Gerrard

School Name: Warman High School

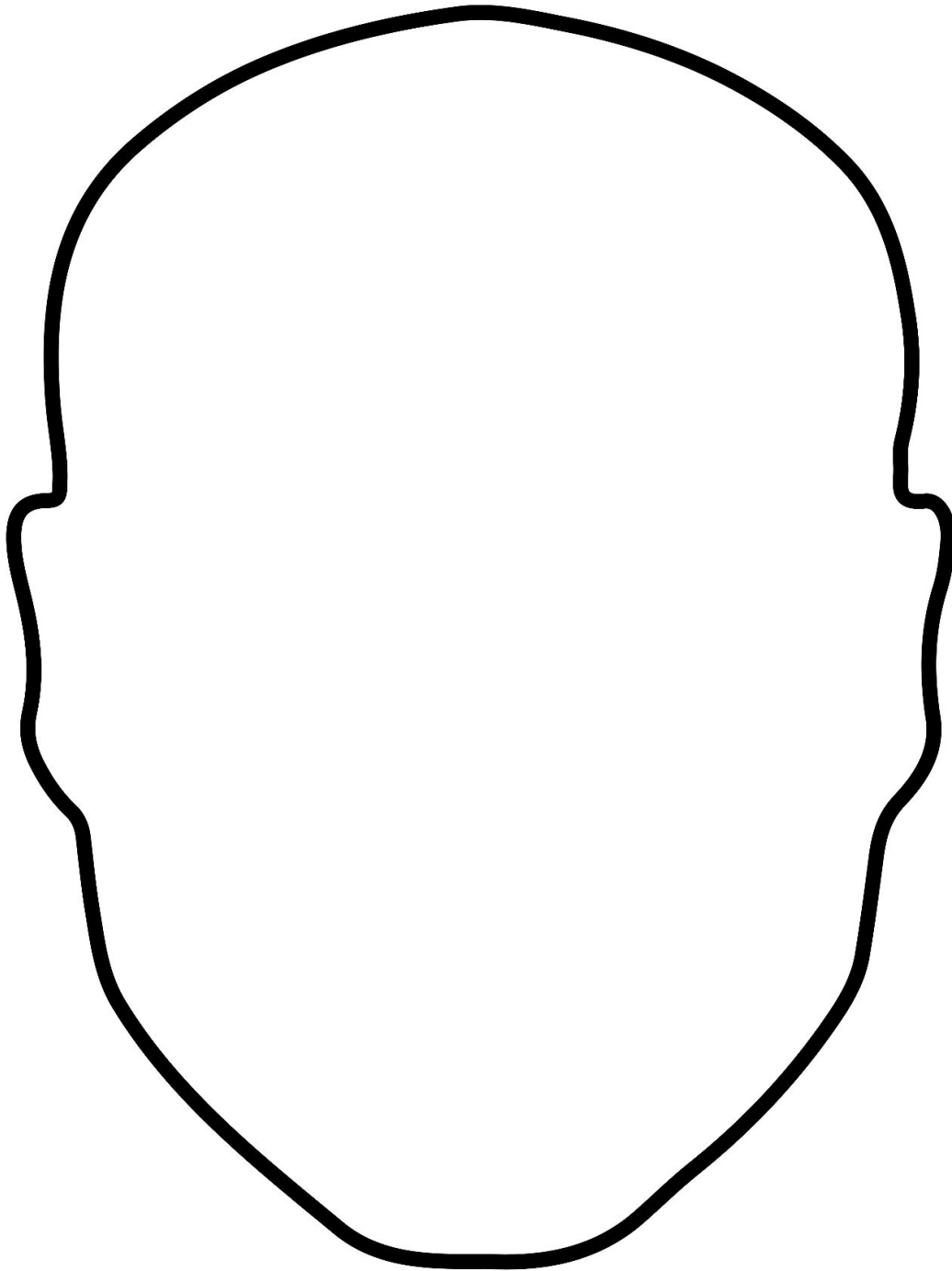
Assessment:

Grade each outcome as "I can" statements on a 4 point scale.

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Draw A Face



RULES FOR DRAWINGS FACES: Lightly draw a straight vertical line down the middle of the face. This helps you keep both sides even. **EYES:** halfway down the head, draw a light horizontal line. This is where the eyes will go (yes, your eyes are in the middle of your head!). Eyes go in the middle - 5 eye rule (2 eyes that are one eye apart). **NOSE:** draw another line halfway between the eyes and chin — that's where the nose goes. The sides of the nostrils line up with the inside corners of the eyes. **MOUTH:** draw a line halfway between the nose and chin — that's where the mouth goes. The corners of the mouth usually line up with the middle of each eye. **EARS:** ears go between the eyes & nose. The top of the ear lines up with the eye line. The bottom of the ear lines up with the bottom of the nose.