



METAPHOR PORTRAIT

This activity uses artworks and your close looking skills to practice making metaphors and similes.

Are you doing this activity at school or at home?

Follow these suggestions to make your experience fun and successful.

- Search for images of artworks on the Art Institute of Chicago's website: www.artic.edu/collection or look for other objects around you that could help you complete the activity.
- Work together with classmates, family members, or friends to complete the activity and share what you create.

In the box below, make a sketch of a portrait that you found in the museum.

Now complete the following sentences using **metaphors** and **similes** to describe yourself as if you were the person in the picture.

My eyes are as _____ as _____.

My hair is like _____.

My skin is as _____ as _____.

The expression on my face is like _____.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITY:

In class, recreate the portrait by inserting pictures of the metaphors you chose in place of the parts of the painting (e.g. blue clouds in place of the eyes). Or, draw a caricature of the person in the portrait, using exaggerated features and emphasizing the similes and metaphors and other attributes to describe the person.

GLOSSARY:

Metaphor, *noun*: an expression that describes a person or object by referring to something that is considered to possess similar characteristics (for example, "I'm feeling blue")

Simile, *noun*: a figure of speech that compares one thing with another thing of a different kind (for example, "crazy like a fox")