Name _____

A portrait is a work of art that depicts a person. The person in the picture is often called a "sitter" because, before photography, he or she had to sit in front of the artist to have the portrait created. Your school photograph is an example of a portrait. In addition to showing you how the sitter looks, clothing and objects in a portrait may also tell you what the sitter does for a living (farmer, soldier, artist, etc.), or, how he or she wished to be remembered. The more carefully you look at someone's portrait, the more you learn about them.

FIRST,
find a portrait of someone whom you think you would like to meet. Then, choose another portrait of someone you do not want to meet. Write the following information about the two portraits:

This is someone I *would like to meet*:

Title of Work of Art: _____

Artist Name: _____

This is someone I *would NOT like to meet:*

Title of Work of Art: _____

Artist Name: _____

THEN,
look closely… and discuss the following questions with a partner.

1. Describe the expression on each sitter's face.

2. Describe both sitters' hands. What gesture does each make?

3. Describe the posture of each sitter.

4. Describe the background, or setting, where the sitters are located.

5. Who or what are the sitters in each of the portraits looking at?

6. Why did you want to meet the person you chose?

7. Why did you NOT want to meet the other person?

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