

## Self-Portraits

Artists frequently use themselves as the subject of their art. **Artists often use self-portraits as a way of expressing various aspects of themselves and their identities beyond the surface of their physical appearance.** Artists use the language of art (the elements, choices of medium) to communicate what they feel is important through their work.

1. Think about one thing that you want to communicate about yourself. What do you hope your viewers will learn about you after looking at your self-portrait? Write it in the form of a “they will” statement. Below are some examples.

They will understand that \_\_\_\_\_ (sports, math, book, animals, etc.) are important to me.  
They will understand that I feel \_\_\_\_\_(happy, excited, etc.)