

# Guided Critique

**Cassandra Christensen Barney**

*Self Portrait, 2017*

Oil on board

**Springville Museum of Art Collection**

Grade Level: 4-6





Look at this painting and describe what you see.

1. What do you see in this painting?
2. What details or symbols do you see in the background?
3. What does it make you think about or feel?
4. Is everything in this painting realistic? If not, what is not realistic?



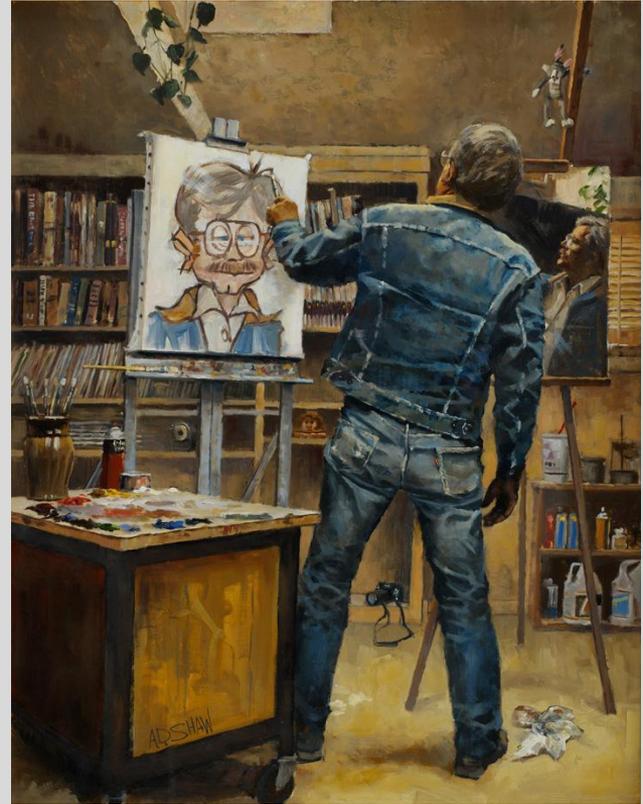
## Respond

1. How would you describe the person in this painting?
  - a. Tell us about their personality.
2. What do the colors and patterns remind you of?
3. What do you see that's familiar? Or strange?
4. What do you think this person is doing?
5. Where do you think she is?

# Self Portraits

A self portrait is a portrait of an artist that is made by that artist. Oftentimes it shows the personality or what is important to the artist. Sometimes it includes things in the background that tell you more about them.

- Why do you think artists create self portraits?
- What are other types of self portraits that you have seen?
- What would you include in your own self-portrait?



Arch D. Shaw, *Ego Trip Self Portrait*, 1986, oil on board, Springville Museum of Art



## Analyze

1. Why did the artist only paint the the top half of her body?
2. What do the details in the background tell you about the artist?
3. What emotions is the artist showing in this artwork?
4. How does the artist want to be perceived? What does she want the viewer to know about her?

# Compare and Contrast

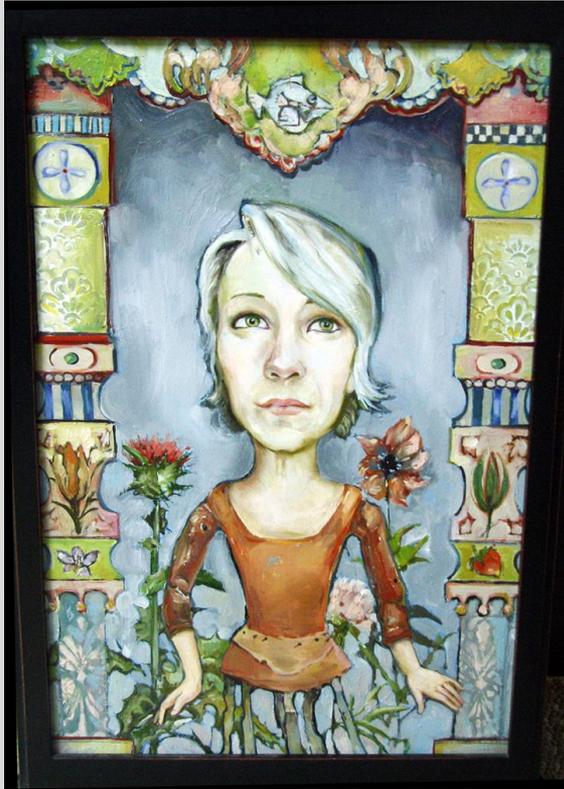


Thomas Sylvester Hoffman, *Mini Me*,  
2001, Springville Museum of Art

This is a self portrait called *Mini Me*.

- What is similar between this painting and the painting by Cassandra Barney?
- What is different between this painting and the first painting?
  - What details do you see that are different?
  - How are the two artists different?
- What do their self portraits tell us about them?

# Create



1. Brainstorm some ideas for your self portrait:
  - a. What do you like?
  - b. What is your personality?
  - c. How could you represent these traits in a picture?
2. Create an artwork inspired by the self portraits that you have seen. Try it out with different types of materials.
  - a. Painting
  - b. Sketching
  - c. Photography
  - d. Mixed Media
3. Make sure to include details about yourself in the background.

# Further Learning

For more information about self portraits and another activity you can do at home click this link:

- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FsYg31\\_cHpQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FsYg31_cHpQ)

Click these links for ideas on how to make your own self portrait:

- <https://www.hellowonderful.co/post/12-creative-self-portrait-art-projects-for-kids/>
- <http://www.artsmudge.com/blog/2012/05/how-to-draw-proportional-self-portraits-with-kids>