

LESSON 8 OF 10

PINS-piration Portraits

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

High-school Art II students will ...

- learn how important it is for artists to become researchers.
- learn to use Pinterest boards for inspiration in creating unique portraits.
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- combine the styles of 4-5 artists or techniques to create their own work.

MATERIALS

- Pinterest boards, journals
- Mixed media

PROCEDURES

1. The teacher will explain to students the importance of keeping a Pinterest board for inspiration and using it to garner ideas throughout the school year.

2. Students will keep a board and pin a minimum of 10 artworks per week (most pin about 10 a day!)

3. Students will find their 4-5 favorite works

they have pinned throughout a semester and use those for inspiration as they create a final portrait using the media, techniques and styles of their three selected works.

4. Students have complete freedom to use any size, any and all media and explore the art process and the tools they have been taught to create a final piece of WOW art.

EXTENSION

This lesson is a wonderful way to prepare our students for their AP Art course in that they will be free to make artistic decisions as they work towards stellar concentration portfolios.

ASSESSMENT

We do in-process critiques using my “2 Glows and a Grow” model: Each student selects a classmate’s work that speaks to him/her and attaches three notes—two with what works, and one with what the artist might want to consider or change. There is also an evaluation form that prompts students to appropriately reflect on the learning at hand and provides space for them to comment on the process and how they feel their final piece turned out. There is also space for me to comment and give them a grade based on their learning and the final work.