Portrait Detective: What is a portrait?

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A portrait is a picture of a person.

Do you have any portraits in your house?
They might be drawings or photographs; they might be of one person or a group of people. They can be fun and relaxed or more serious and formal.

Look at this portrait of King Henry VIII.
Does he look happy? Does he have much of an expression?
Can you describe what he is wearing? How do his clothes make him appear to the viewer?
Why might he want to look like this?

Challenge:
Find a mirror and try pulling some different expressions.
Decide how you want to appear in your self portrait.
Look closely at yourself in the mirror; try to sketch how you look. Keep practising and don’t forget to show us what you’ve been up to on social media. Take a photo of your portraits and tag @comptonverney on Facebook, @ComptonVerney on Twitter or @compton_verney on Instagram, or use #DigitalComptonVerney.