Use these worksheets in the Gallery spaces for independent looking. They are designed to be managed by an adult leading a small group.

Portraiture and Identity

Suggested exhibitions: Maori Portraits level 1 | Love, Longing, Loss mezzanine level

A portrait is a picture of a person. Can you find a picture of a person somewhere in the Gallery?

Draw the portrait here:

Title: Artist: Date:

① Portraits often include clues to tell us about the person.



What is the person wearing? Describe what you see either by drawing or writing:
Are they holding anything? Describe what you see either by drawing or writing:
Describe their face – are they smiling or being serious?
Imagine what this person might be thinking. Add a thought bubble to your drawing and write down what they're thinking.



Look at the lists of words:

Years 1-2	Years 3-8
calm	thoughtful
weak	confident
powerful	spiritual
kind	knowledgeable
loud	reserved
angry	proud
quiet	aggressive

Which word best describes your chosen portrait? Why?

Can you find portraits in the Gallery that match some of the other words on the list? Discuss your choices with the people in your group.

