

# TEACHING TOLERANCE



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ART AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

## What is a Portrait?

Individually or in small groups, have students complete these worksheets with regard to one or more of the pictures they looked at.

### **General Observations about the Portrait: What do you notice?**

*Examples: Sojourner Truth is standing up in her portrait*

*She is wearing glasses.*

*She is looking straight at the camera.*

**What does the portrait IMPLY about the subject's personality, character or the way the person lives in the world? Justify this statement with specific evidence from the portrait.**

*Examples: I think she is very funny and has a good sense of humor. The portrait makes me think this because she has a really big smile on her face and her eyes look like she was laughing.*

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**How do you think the portrait's way of showing this person reinforces or fights stereotypes about African Americans as a group?**

*Example: The portrait shows that the person in it is very distinguished and serious. This fights against a statement that African Americans are silly and don't do important or serious things.*