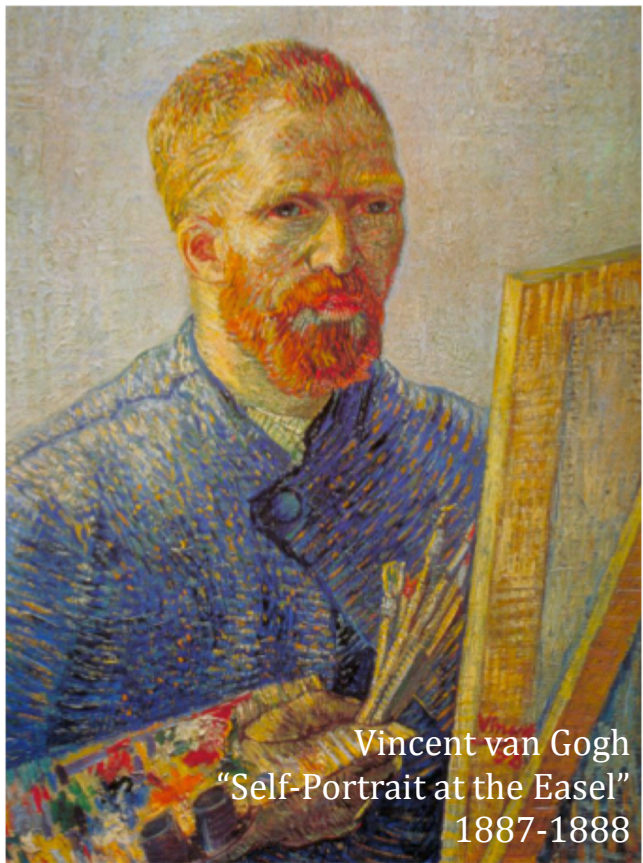


Express Yourself!

What are some questions we can ask ourselves when we create our self-portraits? Let's look at some examples to find out!



Vincent van Gogh
"Self-Portrait at the Easel"
1887-1888

What are the **OBJECTS** in the portrait?

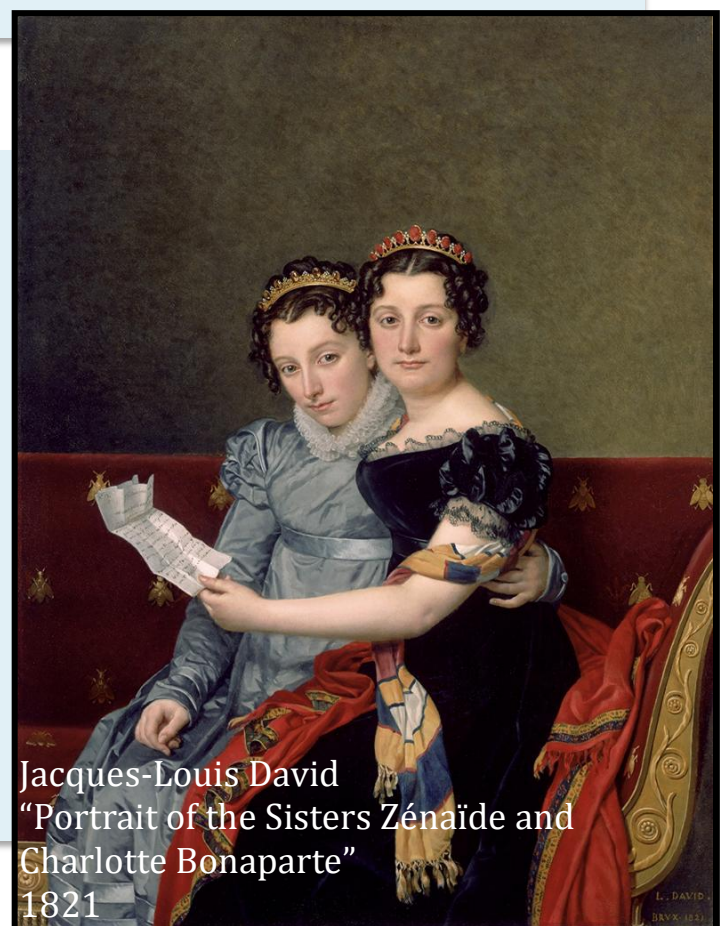
Vincent van Gogh loved to paint, so we see:

- A Canvas
- Paintbrushes
- Paints

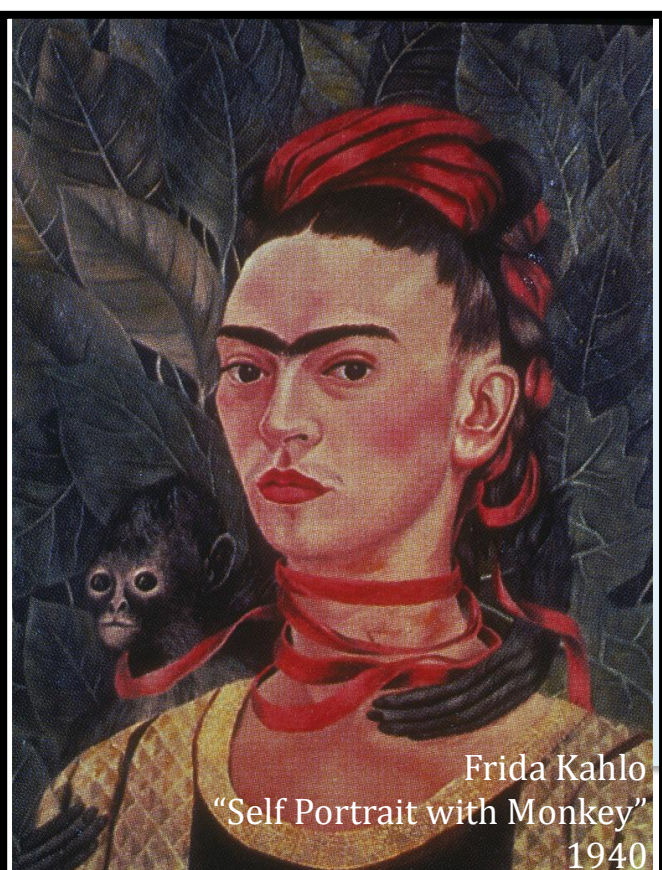
WHO is in the portrait?

These girls value family, so we see:

- Sisters embracing each other



Jacques-Louis David
"Portrait of the Sisters Zénaïde and Charlotte Bonaparte"
1821

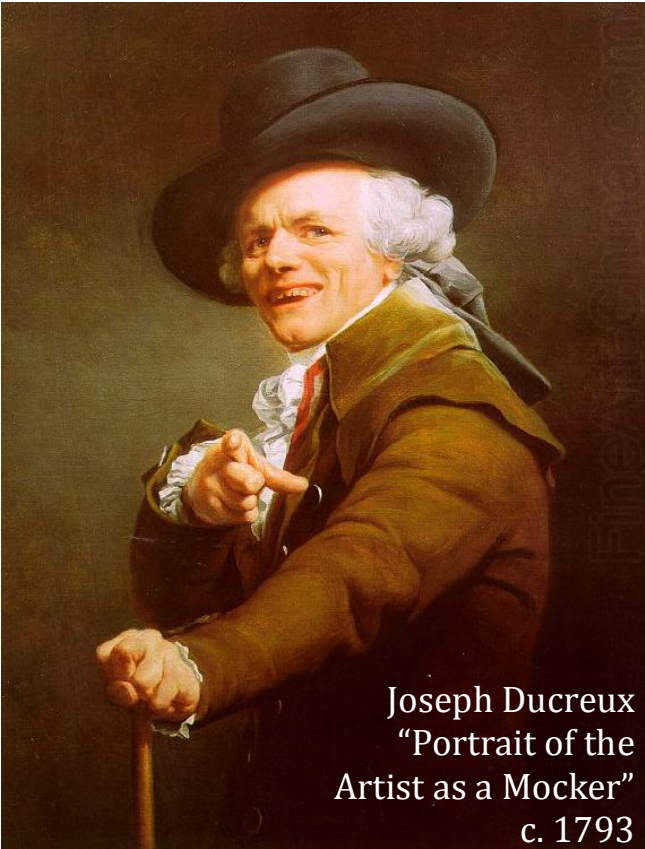


Frida Kahlo
"Self Portrait with Monkey"
1940

What does the **BACKGROUND** look like?

Frida Kahlo loved the nature of her homeland in Mexico, so we see:

- Banana leaves
- A monkey



Joseph Ducreux
"Portrait of the
Artist as a Mocker"
c. 1793

Joseph Ducreux was happy and easy-going, so we see:

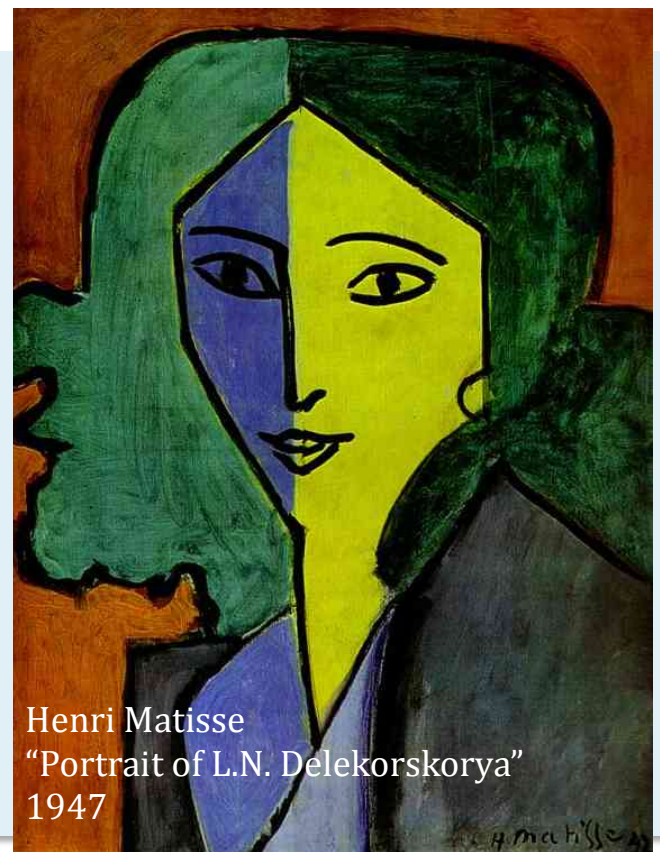
- A smiling face
- A casual pose
- By pointing at the viewer, he interacts with us!

What is the
POSE/ACTION
in the
portrait?

HOW is the
portrait
drawn?

In this portrait, we see:

- Large blocks of color
- Basic shapes
- Strong, dark lines



Henri Matisse
"Portrait of L.N. Delekorskorya"
1947

Questions to ask when you create
your own self-portrait:

What type of **OBJECTS** do you want in your portrait?

WHO do you want in your portrait? (Beside yourself, of course!)

What type of **BACKGROUND** will be in your portrait?

What will you be **DOING** in your portrait?

HOW will you draw your portrait?

Remember, your self-portrait is
all about **YOU!**

