Pride and Portraiture

“All Wars Memorial to Colored Soldiers and Sailors” (1934) by artist J. Otto Schweizer
Aviator Park
Benjamin Franklin Parkway
at 20th Street

The “All Wars Memorial to Colored Soldiers and Sailors” depicts African American men who served our country in the military. Each figure was modeled after a real person. In their faces, the artist J. Otto Schweizer captures the soldiers’ dignity, pride, and intensity.

Portraiture doesn’t just appear in school yearbooks. Throughout history, artists have created portraits. Portraits are drawings or sculptures of faces that depict a likeness of a person, and also show the mood or personality of the subject.

Draw it! Draw a portrait of yourself and try to show your mood!

Try this activity at home!
Create your own picture frames out of construction paper! Decorate them and tape your photos on the back. Don’t forget to cut out the center!

What mood did you try to capture? Write it here!

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