

## Curators and the Collection

This resource complements the Curators and the Collection talks and includes making and responding ideas that link to works of art discussed during these sessions.

### #2: International & Contemporary Art

Curator of International Art pre-1980, Tansy Curtin  
Curator of Contemporary Art, Leigh Robb

Did you know the word *curator* originates from the Latin word *cura*, which means to care. *Cura* is also related to the word *curiosity*.

#### Take 5

##### Discover and explore

When visiting a gallery, consider how an exhibition or display of works has been curated. Make a list of the different ways in which works of art have been displayed. What might be some reasons for works of art to be displayed differently. Back in the classroom, create an exhibition that considers the display techniques you have learnt during your visit to the gallery. How could you create your own frames or plinths? How might you group certain works?

##### Think and discuss

What can you say about contemporary art? Name five things you noticed...

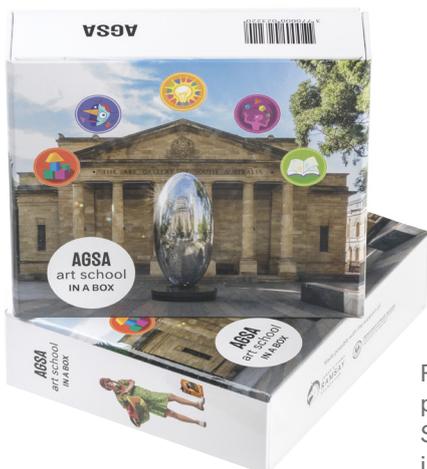
What is the purpose of a portrait? Look at different examples of portraits throughout history. How has portraiture changed? What is the difference between a selfie and self-portrait?

##### Explore

Select a three-dimensional work of art and consider how the artist would have made it. Write a method for its creation, providing clear instructions for how this piece could be made again.

##### Create

Research different depictions of women throughout art history and list the differences. Create a portrait of a woman in your life, one that captures their experience of being a woman today. If you don't know them well, you may need to interview them.



For more ideas like that link to our permanent collection see the Art School in a Box available online and in the Gallery Store.

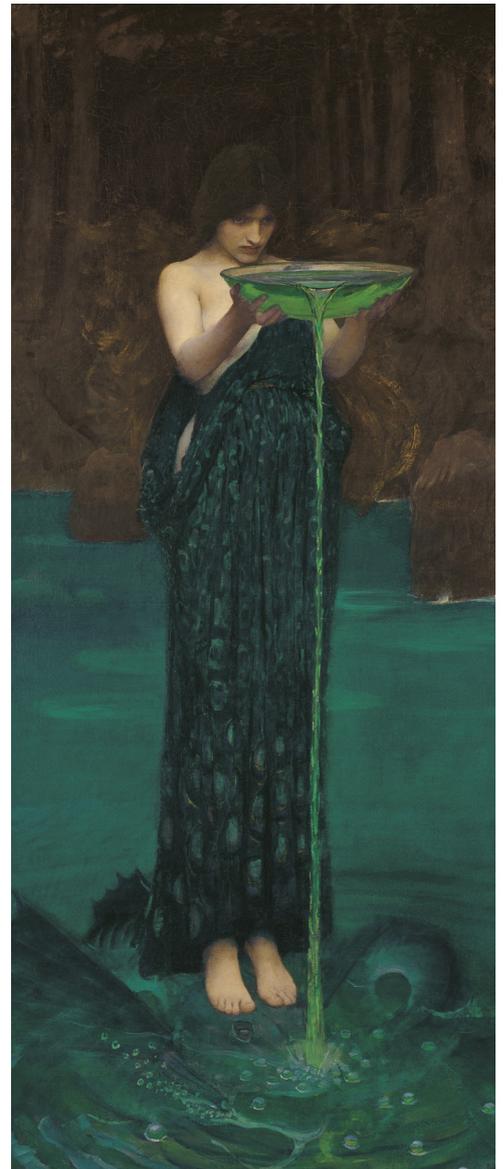


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