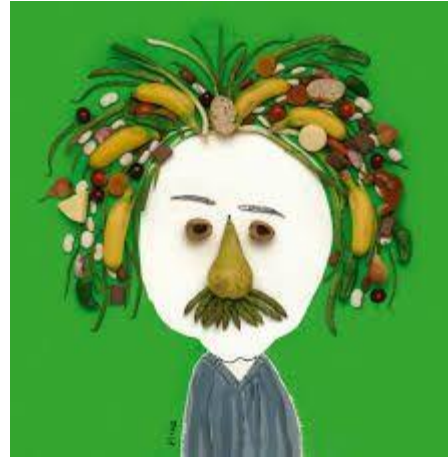


Title: Icons of Culture

Grade Level: K-5

Objective: Students will choose a cultural icon and create a unique portrait of them.



Lesson Plan

Materials: Card stock or watercolor paper, pencils, colored pencils, oil pastels/crayons. Option to use paint & paintbrushes.

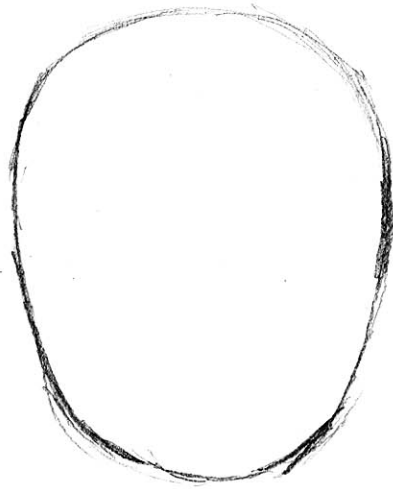
Opening Activity: What is an ICON? “a person or thing widely admired especially for having great influence or significance.” Icons are people we look up to, people who represent the best of humanity, some may think of them as real-life heroes. Ask members if they have a real-life hero or icon they look up to, and what makes them an icon. Share about icons you admire.

Core Activity:

- Students are going to CREATE a portrait of a hero or icon of culture. History and present day examples of icons include: Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks, Ruby Bridges, Gloria Estefan, Celia Cruz, Cesar Chavez, Mohammed Ali, Beyonce, Oprah Winfrey, Barak Obama, John Lennon, Steven Spielberg, James Brown, Miles Davis, Bob Marley, Bruce Lee, Serena and Venus Williams, LeBron James, Kobe Bryant, Bono, Madonna, Malala Yousafzai, Greta Thunberg, Albert Einstein, etc. Members may also want to choose someone they know personally.
- After they choose their cultural icon, have members create a sketch of their face, and surround their face with either a scene from their life or symbols of their influence.
- Have members complete their portraits with colored pencils, oil pastels, or PAINT!

Reflection: As members help clean up the space, ask them to share about their icon and why they chose this person.

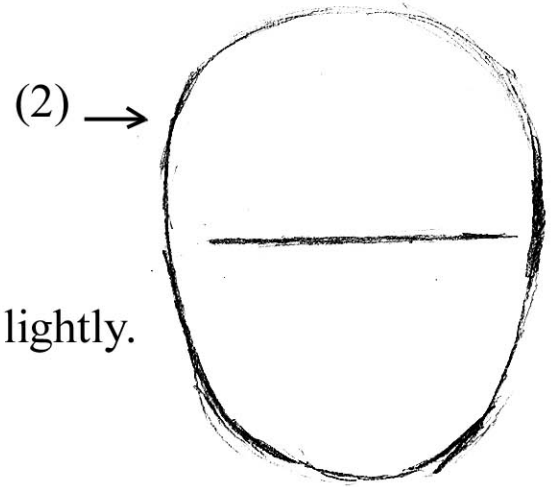
The first steps to drawing a portrait.



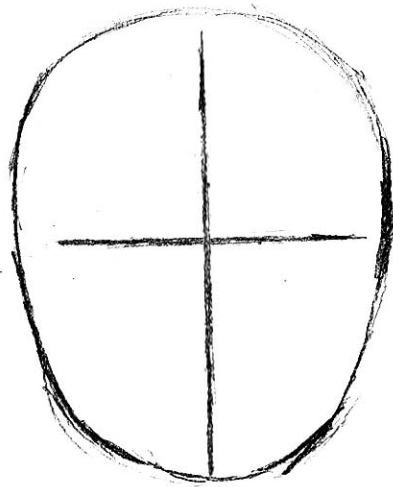
1. Draw the shape of your head as if it does not have hair.

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2. Half way from the top of the head to the chin draw a line (it is on this line where your eyes will be drawn). Draw this line lightly.



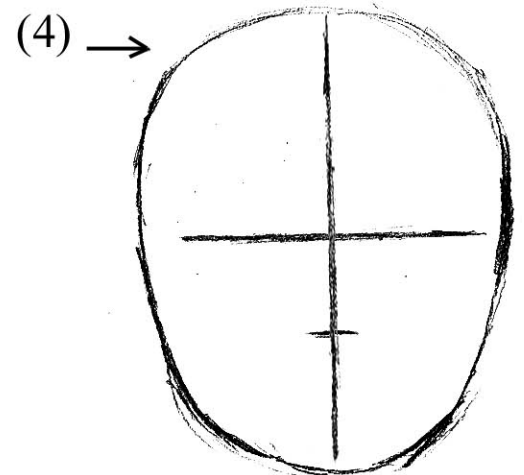
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3. Draw a vertical line down the center of the head. This will help keep the features lined up correctly. Draw this line lightly.

4. Half way from the line for the eyes to the chin draw a short line (this will be the bottom of the nose). Be sure it is lined up with the vertical line (the line going down the center).



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