

Portrait of a Record-breaking Traveller

An activity of "The record-breaking traveller".

Read "The record-breaking traveler" (page 20-21, *What's Up* August 2024).

1. Based on the *What's Up* article, fill in the graphic organiser below about Drew Binsky:

About _____
(Name)

Insert your favourite quote, interesting fact or any other important information you have learnt about this interesting person

Personal Background
(Birthplace/date/family/upbringing/ early life)

Unique Qualities
(special talents/ skills/personal traits/ characteristics/ challenges overcome)

Impact/ Achievements
(Accomplishments/ contributions to community)

Daily Life
(Daily routine/ occupation/ work/ hobbies/ interests)

Significant Life Events
(Key moments/ turning points/ memorable stories)

Who did Drew Binsky meet?

Quotes/ Fun Facts

2. The following are some examples of portraits done by famous artists in various styles.

<p>Realism "Mona Lisa" by Leonardo da Vinci (1503-1506)</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Renowned for its lifelike details and the subject's mysterious expression, this masterpiece showcases realistic painting. The background shows a landscape of winding paths and mountains.</p>	<p>Post-Impressionism "Self-portrait with bandaged ear" by Vincent Van Gogh (1889)</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Van Gogh's expressive use of colour and bold brushstrokes convey emotion and intensity in this self-portrait. The background contains a Japanese woodblock print which inspired many of his artworks.</p>
<p>Cubism "Portrait of Dora Maar" by Pablo Picasso (1937)</p> <p>-----</p> <p>The painting combines both abstract and representational elements. The face is broken into angular shapes and vibrant colours, reflecting her emotional complexity. The lines in the background add to the intensity and draw the viewers' attention to her.</p>	<p>Symbolism "Self-portrait with Bonito" by Frida Kahlo (1941)</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Created when Kahlo was suffering from chronic pain and undergoing surgeries, this portrait reflects her emotional state and her reliance on her pets for emotional support. Bonito, her parrot, represents companionship, even freedom, contrasting with Kahlo's own physical constraints.</p>

3. Make a portrait of Drew Binsky by using any or a combination of the styles by these famous artists. Use any medium that is most suitable for creating the portrait. For example, pencil on paper, ink on cardboard, pastels on sandpaper, paint on canvas, etc. For the background, select any of the places he has been to.
4. Display your portraits with the graphic organiser in class. Add a note (a caption) with your responses to the following questions:
 - What did you find most interesting or surprising about Drew Binsky?
 - What was most challenging about capturing his emotions and personality?
 - What did you enjoy most about creating your artwork?
5. When you feel ready, repeat this activity by focusing on yourself! First use the graphic organiser to capture your unique journey through life. Then, create your self-portrait as an expression of who you really are.