

Introduction to Voice

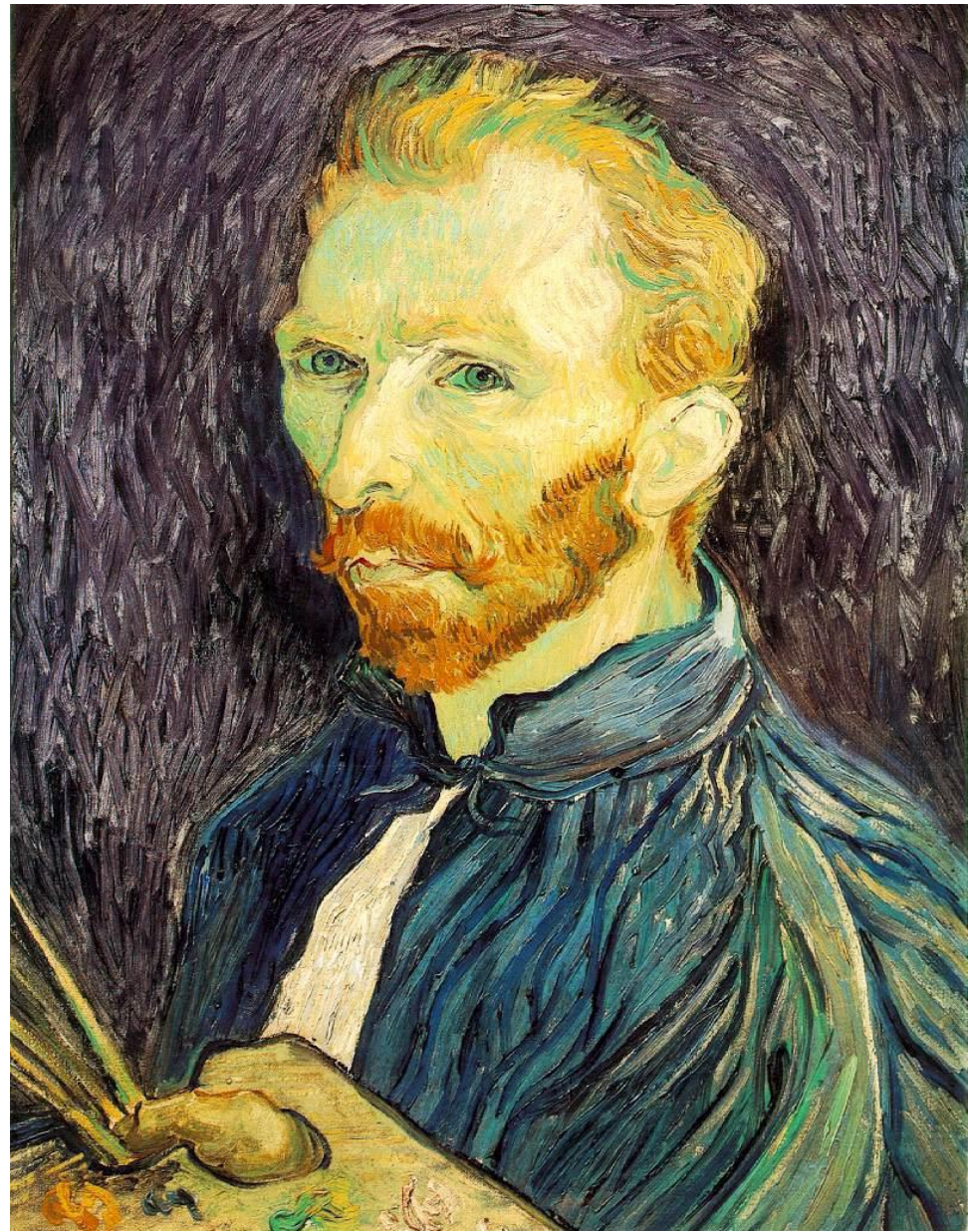
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Look and Think

Examine the following self-portraits of Vincent Van Gogh. Think about how Van Gogh expresses his voice—his style and personality. Look carefully at the details of the self-portraits.



Self-Portrait in front of the Easel (1888)



Self-Portrait (1889)

Write

What is Van Gogh saying about himself?
Complete these two statements as if
you were the Van Gogh of these
portraits, basing your statements on the
paintings, not your own feelings:

1. I am...

2. I feel...

Write

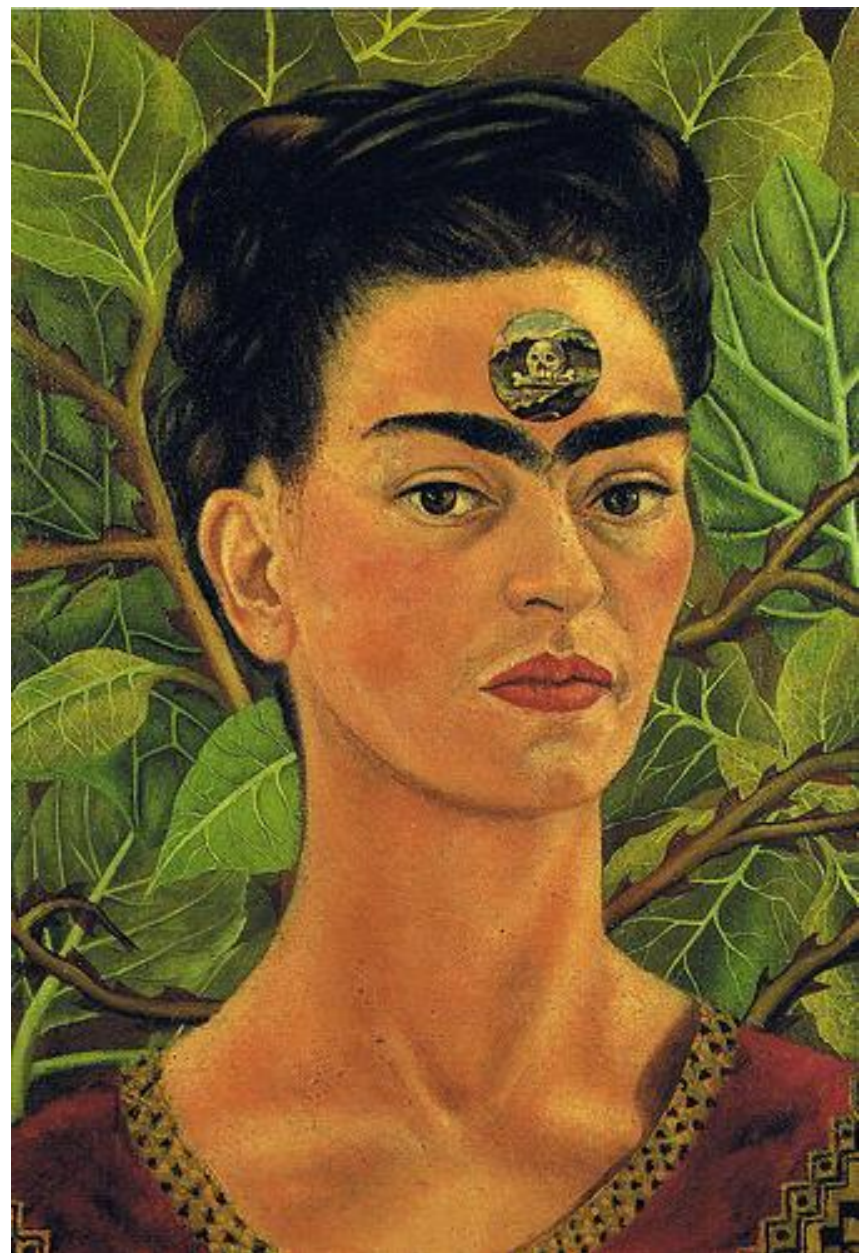
How do you know what Van Gogh is saying about himself?
What evidence can you find in the paintings to support your statements?

Look and Think

Examine the following self-portraits of Frida Kahlo. Think about how Kahlo expresses her voice—her style and personality. Look carefully at the details of the self-portraits.



The Two Fridas (1939)



Self-Portrait, Thinking about Death (1943)

Write

What is Kahlo saying about herself?
Complete these two statements as if you were the Kahlo of these portraits, basing your statements on the paintings, not your own feelings:

1. I am...

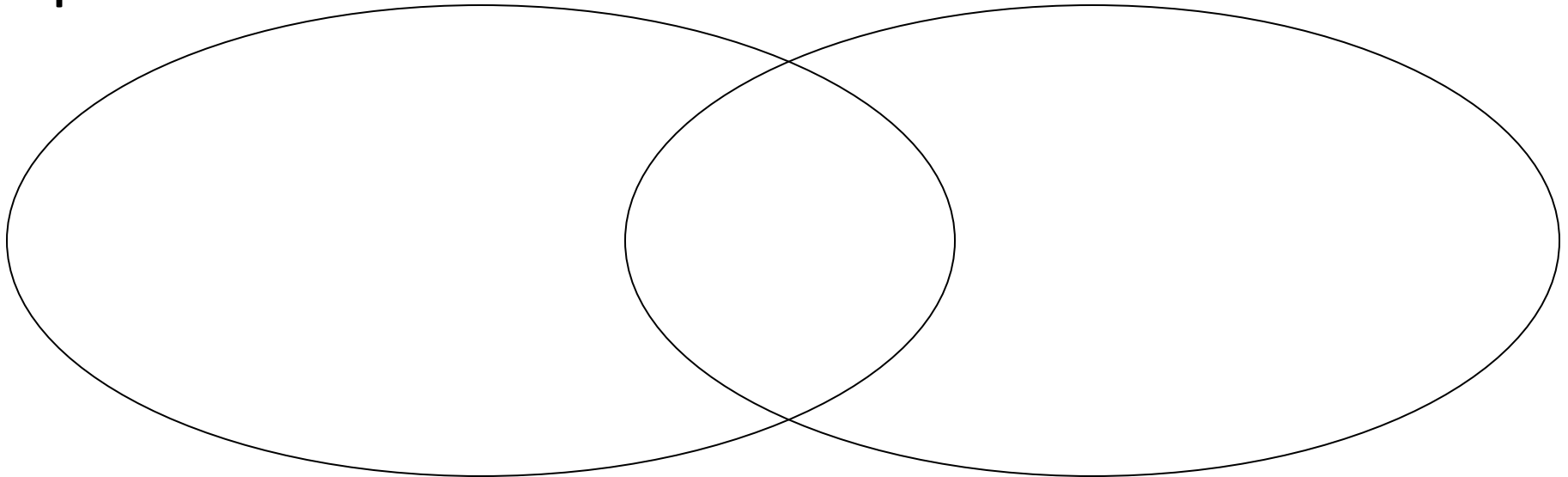
2. I feel...

Write

How do you know what Kahlo is saying about herself? What evidence can you find in the portrait that supports your statements? Now consider how she accomplishes this feat? How does Kahlo control voice in her painting?

Compare

Compare and contrast Van Gogh's and Kahlo's self-portraits. Use a Venn diagram to show how they are similar and different. Be certain to focus on the **choices** the artists made in their portraits.



Apply

Now think about how you would paint a self-portrait. Use the art supplies to create your self-portrait, and write a **paragraph** explaining what you would want your portrait to look like and why.

Apply

Consider the following questions:

- What colors will you use?
- What expression will you have on your face?
- How will you be dressed?
- What kind of background will you have?
- Will you have anything else in the picture other than yourself?
- What will these choices say about you?