

Imaginative Portraits



Activity Description: Like the members of the Filipino community, some of whom are represented in *Kahayágan*, we all express ourselves and contribute to our communities in different ways; that's what makes us and our communities unique! In this activity, we will explore the question, *What makes you unique?*

Purpose of Activity:

- Encourage creative thinking through creative constraints (material, size, prompt)
- Synthesize learning from observing and interpreting artist's work by reflecting on the work's themes and its connections to the "personal"

Quick Guide:

Preparation Time: 30 min

Learning Time: 30 min

Age Range: K-5th

Video Demonstration: <https://youtu.be/2YGHCa-QcvI>

Materials List:

- Printed portraits of activity participants
- Watercolor/mixed media paper
- Medium(s) of choice: Watercolor, oil pastels, acrylics, collage, colored pencils, etc.



Setup:

- Printed portraits of activity participants in black and white. Portraits are cut out and mounted on large watercolor or mixed media paper
- If using paint mediums: Prepare palettes, brushes, and cups of water
- If using collage materials: Prepare scissors, old magazines/print media, glue

Activity Directions:

1. Sketch and/or write ideas on a separate sheet of paper. Consider the following guiding prompts:
 - a. What are your hobbies or interests? What are you passionate about?
 - b. How would your friends and family describe you?
 - c. What are your favorite colors, shapes, and patterns?
 - d. If you were to introduce yourself to someone new, what words or images would you use to describe yourself?
2. Using the selected medium, decorate your portrait with your favorite ideas from your brainstorm!