

Colonial Portrait Painting Review

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Understanding Art in Early America

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Answer the following questions based on what you learned about colonial portrait painting.

1. What was one reason portraits were important before the invention of cameras?

- A. To remember family members
- B. To make money
- C. To decorate homes

2. How did artists show social status in colonial portraits?

3. Colonial portraits were more than just art; they were also _____ records and social documents.

4. Colonial portrait artists often used casual poses to represent their subjects.

- True False

5. What can we learn about a person from their portrait?

- A. Their favorite color
- B. Their social status and personality
- C. Their age

6. Why do you think God created humans in His image according to Genesis 1:27?

7. Detailed clothing and background in portraits tell _____ about the subject.

8. Portrait painters focused on capturing the essence of a person, just as God created man in His image.

- True False

9. What was a common technique used by colonial portrait painters?

- A. Using bright colors
- B. Formal poses
- C. Abstract shapes

10. What surprised you the most about colonial portraits?

Answer Key

1. To remember family members 2. Artists used formal poses and detailed clothing to show the subject's status in society. 3. family 4. False 5. Their social status and personality 6. God created humans in His image to reflect His character and to have a relationship with them. 7. stories 8. True 9. Formal poses 10. I was surprised to learn that portraits told stories about people's lives and social status.