

# The Courtauld

## Portraits and Personality: Vincent van Gogh, *Self Portrait with Bandaged Ear*



† Vincent van Gogh (1853-1890), Self Portrait with bandaged ear, 1889, Oil on canvas, 50x 60.5cm, The Courtauld, London (Samuel Courtauld Trust) © The Courtauld

### Describe a Portrait:

The artist Vincent Van Gogh painted this portrait of himself. This is called a self portrait.

- Look at the **expression** on his face.
- Look at his **body** language.
- Look at the **clothes** he is wearing.

Use the vocabulary word bank to fill in your answers. There are no right or wrong answers.

I think Van Gogh is a \_\_\_\_\_ person.

He has a \_\_\_\_\_ expression on his face.

The way he is sitting makes him look \_\_\_\_\_.

His clothes are \_\_\_\_\_.

His clothes make him look \_\_\_\_\_.

## Vocabulary

If there are any words you don't know ask your teacher to explain.

### Positive:

calm	caring	clean	clever	fancy
friendly	good	happy	hard working	helpful
kind	nice	neat	polite	powerful
relaxed	sensible	strong		

### Negative:

angry	boring	dirty	dull	foolish
greedy	grumpy	lazy	mean	nasty
messy	rude	sad	scary	selfish
silly	weak	tired	unkind	