Express yourself through art with us, ARTIE, SMARTIE and DOTTIE!

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Me, Myself and I

A **self-portrait** is an artwork that an artist creates about himself or herself.

This self-portrait was painted in 1498 by Albrecht Dürer, a German artist. He painted his first self-portrait at the age of 13, by looking at his reflection in the mirror.

Albrecht Dürer. *Self-Portrait at 26*, 1498. Oil on wood.

Think Like an Artist

We can learn more about artists from their self-portraits. Look at what Dürer is wearing in this self-portrait. What do you think he was trying to tell us about himself?

The self-portrait below was created by Haji Widayat, an Indonesian artist.

Haji Widayat. *Self-portrait*, 1962. Woodblock print.

Haji Widayat added objects in his self-portrait to tell us more about himself.

Think Like an Artist

What objects do you see in Haji Widayat's self-portrait? What can they tell us about him? How is his self-portrait different from Dürer's?

You can create a self-portrait to tell others about yourself too! First, draw objects that can tell others more about yourself in the space provided below.

Now, look in a mirror or at a photograph of yourself and draw your self-portrait in the space provided below. Add your drawings from page 3 to your self-portrait.
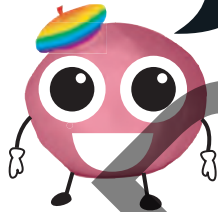
SAMPLE

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We can also tell others more about ourselves using a digital character created on the computer. This type of character is known as an **avatar**.
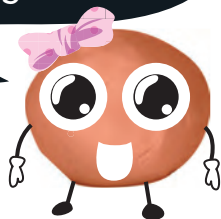
Here are some examples of avatars created by three different people.

Do you think that an avatar can be a self-portrait? Why or why not?

What can you tell about the people represented by each of the avatars on this page?
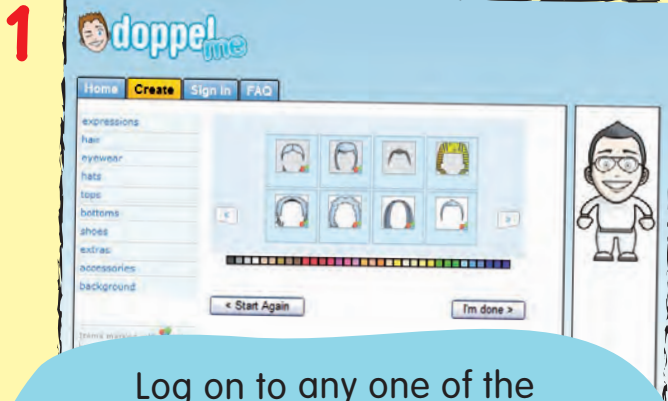
My Digital Self-portrait

Create an avatar that represents you! Use any avatar creation software that can be found on the Internet.

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Log on to any one of the websites provided by your teacher to create an avatar! Choose the facial features, outfits and accessories that best represent you.
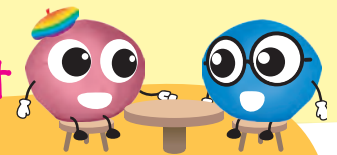
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Press 'Print Screen' on the keyboard after your avatar has been created. Then, open the Microsoft Word® software. Click on 'Edit' > 'Paste' to paste the screenshot.

3

Select the screenshot that you have pasted. Click on the 'Crop' tool from the 'Picture' toolbar. Crop the screenshot so that only the avatar is left on the screen.

Talk About Art

Share with your classmates how your avatar represents you. Then, get them to share with you what they think about your avatar.

Looking Back...

Discuss what you have learnt:
- What is a self-portrait?
- What are some ways of creating a self-portrait?