## Year 7 Summer Term Art Knowledge Bank

## AO3 Drawing Techniques

How to draw a Portrait
There are key rules and guidelines to follow when you start to draw a person's face. The following are the main rules you need to learn:
Rule 1: The eyes are halfway down the head.
Rule 2: The edges of the nostrils line up with the tear ducts of the eyes.
Rule 3: The space between the eyes is approximately the width of an eye.
Rule 4: The head is about five eyes wide. Rule 5: The corners of the mouth line up with the eye pupils. Rule 6: The top of the ears line up with the centre of the eyes
Rule 7: The bottom of the ears line up with the bottom of the nose.


Key Literary Vocabulary

| Portrait/ <br> Portraiture | Is a painting, photograph, sculpture, or other artistic <br> representation of a person, in which the face and its <br> expression is the main focus. |
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| Self-portrait | When the artist creates a portrait of him or herself. |
| Facial <br> dimensions/ <br> Proportions | Refers to the relationship in size and placement <br> between the eyes, nose and mouth on a person's face. |
| Graduated <br> blending/Ombre | Is the even blending of one colour hue to another, <br> usually moving tints and shades from light to dark. |
| Symmetrical | Made up of exactly similar parts facing each other or <br> around an axis; showing symmetry. |

AO2 Media, Techniques and Processes
Using pencil shading to create 3D facial features
To create a realistic portrait you need to apply tonal value. Look at the dark and light shades of each of the facial features and use the step by step images to support


Painting with watercolour paint To graduate watercolour paint you need to first split the shape into thirds. In the $1^{\text {st }}$ third you need to paint with full strength watercolour paint. Then wash your brush and paint with the water dragging
 third all the way down to the bottom of the

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2^{\text {nd }} \text { third. Then wash your }
$$ brush again and paint with the water in the last third. Don't forget to use complementary colours. One colour in your portrait and the other in the background.



