Describe the subject:

Gender and approximate age: _____________________________________________________________

Clothing:________________________________________________________________________________

Pose (standing, sitting upright, relaxed, sprawled out, lying down, active):____________________

Does the subject appear to be looking at the viewer or at something else? If something else, at
what is the subject looking? ______________________________________________________________

How does the subject’s gaze make you feel about the subject? _______________________________

What kind of expression does the subject have? ____________________________________________

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If you could ask the subject a few questions, what would they be? ___________________________

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If the subject could talk to you, what would he or she say?_________________________________

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Describe the type of the portrait:

Full-length, half-length, 3/4 length or bust (head and shoulders only)?_____________________

‘Sunday best’ or a relaxed portrait? What are the clues? (clothes, pose, expression, setting)

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Describe the setting or background: _______________________________________________________

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Is the background a backdrop (as in a modern-day photographer’s studio or most school
photos) or a specific place? _______________________________________________________________
Describe the artist’s style:

If a painting, is the portrait created to resemble a photograph? ______________________________

If the painting is not completely realistic, what parts are not realistic? How does the lack of realism make you feel? ______________________________

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What colors stand out in the painting? ____________________________________________________

Other:

Does a particular feature stand out or catch your eye? ______________________________

What objects are included in the painting? Why do you think they were included? What do the objects lead you to think about? ______________________________

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Summary:

What do you think this portrait was supposed to make you believe or feel about the subject? How do you feel about the subject? Do you think you would like/admire the person if you could meet? ______________________________

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