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# Self Portrait Lesson

*Showing what is on the inside*

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book cover illustration by Tad Carpenter

# Wonder

By R.J. Palacio

This is a story about a boy with a disfigured face named August Pullman who lives in New York with his father, mother, and sister, Via. Having been homeschooled for most of his childhood, August is surprised to hear from his parents that he is enrolled for fifth grade in a local prep school called Beecher Prep.

What does it mean  
Don't judge a book by its cover?

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Given what you know about the story, what do you think the book cover picture means?

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What are things about you that other people don't know just by looking at you?



Let's listen to RJ Palacio's story,  
*We're All Wonders*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IWOUoaAtXGE>

*This week's art lesson: Create a wonder self portrait*

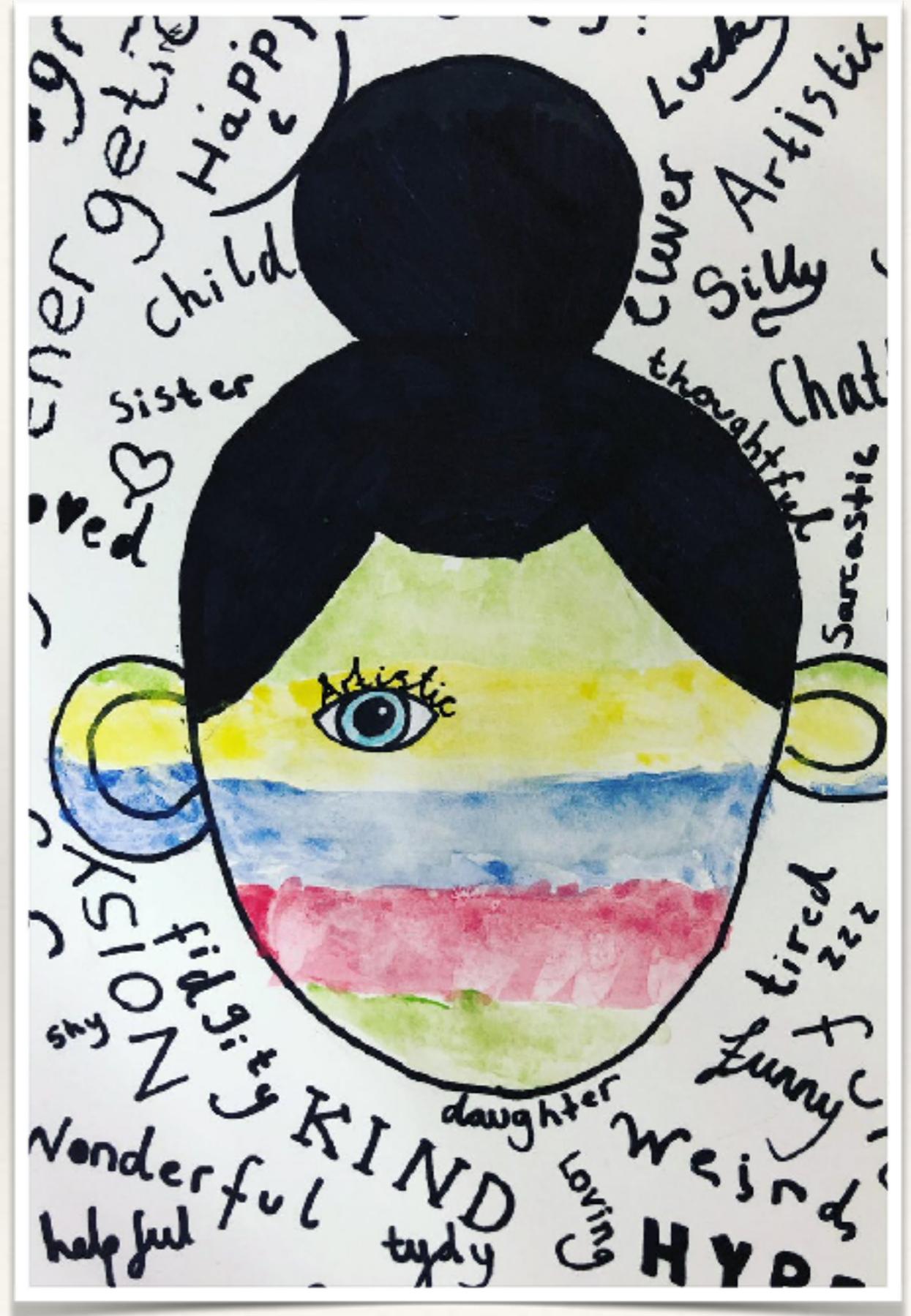
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# Wonder Self Portrait

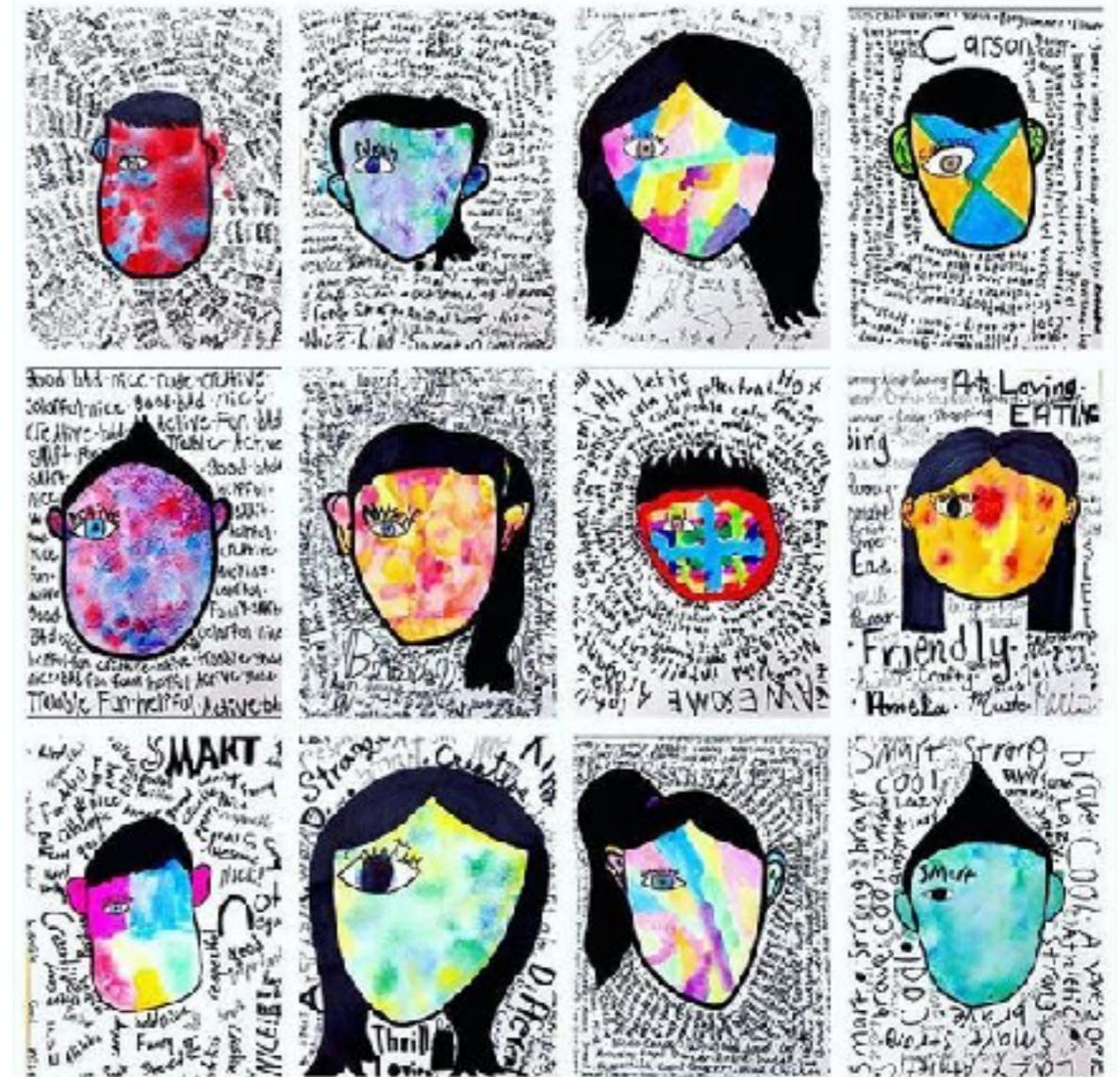
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What is a self portrait?

It is a picture that you create of yourself.



# Some other Wonder Portrait examples

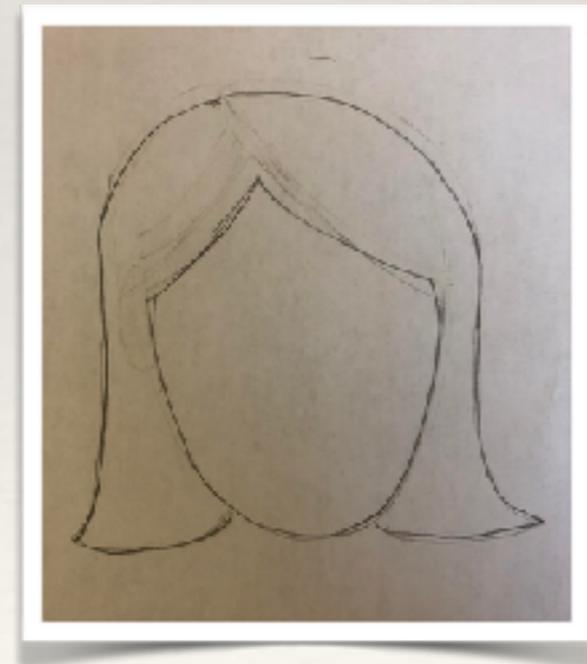
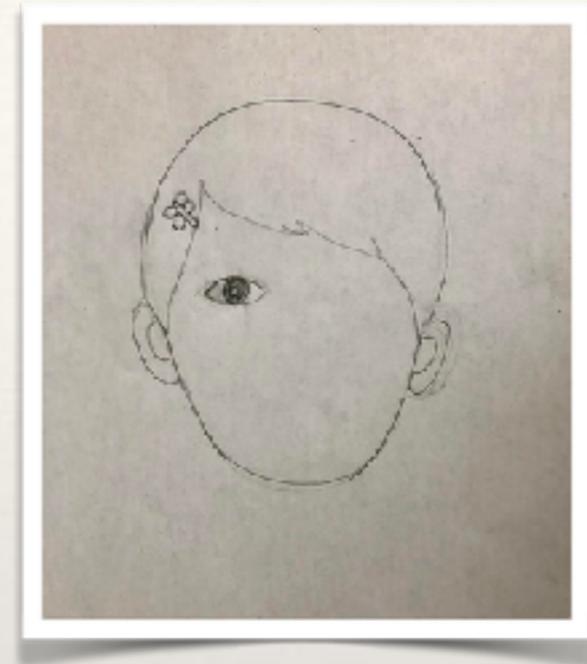


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# Let's create a self portrait that shows what is inside you

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- ❖ **Step 1:**
- ❖ Draw an outline of your face in pencil on a piece of paper. See handout for ideas on how to do your face and hair
- ❖ Draw big! Your face should be as big as your hand
- ❖ Eyes are optional!



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# Next Steps

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**Step 2:** Draw over your pencil drawing in a dark color (black marker or crayon)

**Step 3:**  
Write words around your picture that describe you. Think and decide how you want these words to be arranged. Write these words carefully and with a black marker or other

**Step 4:**  
Keep adding words. Make them look nice!

