[Rembrandt’s self-portrait](https://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/monarchy-enlightenment/baroque-art1/holland/v/rembrandt-nga-self-portrait)

1. **You are going to watch a short video on one of Rembrandt’s self-portraits, work in pairs and try to answer the questions.**
2. What year was Rembrandt’s self-portrait finished?
3. Where is in displayed?
4. The portrait is said to teach the onlooker to look at oneself with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
5. What do you perceive when you look at the panting of “The Young man”?
6. In his self-portrait however, Rembrandt does not need to flatter himself. What is he believed to have done?
7. What was his wife’s name?
8. What are some of the colours used on the face?
9. When the portrait was painted, what do we know about his personal life?
10. How old was he?

**2. Describing a painting.**

Student A: Now, look at the picture you have been given and try to describe it to your partner.

Student B: Follow your partner’s description of the painting and make a sketch.

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1. What year was Rembrandt’s self-portrait finished? **1660**
2. Where is in displayed? **National Gallery of Art in Washington D.C.**
3. The portrait is said to teach the onlooker to look at oneself with **honesty** and **directness** .
4. What do you perceive when you look at the panting of “The Young man”? **the sense of social distance that would have existed in the studio**
5. In his self-portrait however, Rembrandt does not need to flatter himself. What is he believed to have done? **Look for every imperfection, every wrinkle. To express the life the man has lived.**
6. What was his wife’s name? **Saskia**
7. What are some of the colours used on the face? **Reds, browns, yellows, greens, greys, …**
8. When the portrait was painted, what do we know about his personal life? **He had been famous but was now in debt. A year or two before the painting he had declared bankruptcy and had had to sell all his assets to pay his creditors. His wife had died.**
9. How old was he? **53**