

National Portrait Gallery and Wallface

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The National Portrait Gallery shows the country's official collection of paintings, drawings and photographs of famous British men and women. It holds 200,000 portraits made since the 16th Century. Wallface and the Hadrian's Wall museums wanted to show portraits of the people who had helped conserve the Roman remains over the centuries, saving and learning about it, and making it a World Heritage Site that we can share with everyone today.

Choose three famous people you think will have a portrait in the National Portrait Gallery, then search the online catalogue of pictures to see if you are right. Go to www.npg.org.uk and type the name of your person into the search box. You can chose famous British men or women from the last 500 years:

	Name of sitter (person in the picture)	How many portraits?	Why are they in the collection?
1			
2			
3			

For each person you find, chose one portrait. Use the information online to find out:

	What type of image	What subjects and themes?	When was it made?	Why did you chose it?
1				
2				
3				

Search a few times using different words, e.g. your surname or first name, a type of object, or your favourite art material. Look at the variety of portraits that are shown.

Which portrait is your favourite (who is the sitter and the artist)? Why do you like it? When was it made?

If you could commission a portrait for the national collection, who would you choose to sit, and why? What would they be doing in the new portrait? Would it be a photo, drawing, painting or sculpture?



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