

Amedeo Modigliani

Amedeo Modigliani was an Italian artist who lived most of his adult life in Paris. He is well known for his portraits.



Amedeo Modigliani, *Jean Cocteau*, 1916. The Henry and Rose Pearlman Foundation, on long-term loan to the Princeton University Art Museum

Look Closely

What shapes and lines do you see in this portrait?

How would you describe the colors?

saturated and dark or **light and bright**

Look closely at the shape of the figure's face and neck. Would you describe them as:

natural and realistic or **elongated and stretched out**

How would you describe the expression on his face?

happy sad pensive excited surprised bored

How would you describe his body?

natural stiff relaxed comfortable formal

Try This

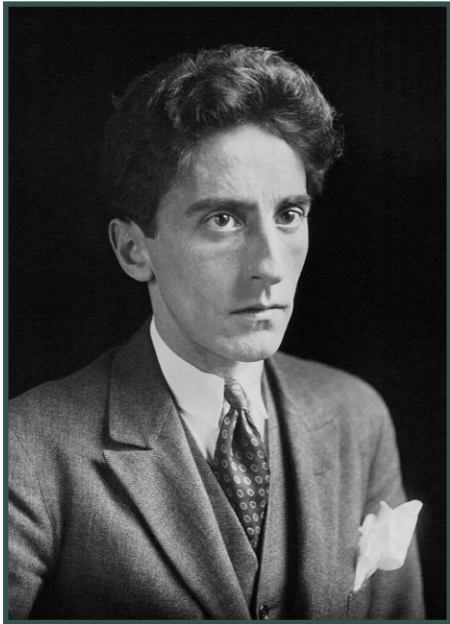
After examining this portrait, think about who this man might be. Pretend that he is a character in a story you are writing and fill in the blanks below.

My name is _____.

I am _____ years old.

I am a _____. (occupation)

In my free time I like to _____ (and) _____.



This is a photograph of Jean Cocteau, a famous playwright and poet who lived in Paris at the same time as Modigliani.

Make Connections

What do you think Jean Cocteau was thinking about while Modigliani was painting his portrait?

Do you think Modigliani's portrait looks like this photograph of Cocteau?
