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## Self-Portraits

### Pencil and Collage

As these are self-portraits, I first got my idea for the images by looking at myself in the mirror. Having a reflection of my face right in front of me helped a lot to carefully match the color of my eyes, etc.

I wanted the viewer to know that there are many ways to make a plain old pencil line drawing into something completely different. **The hidden message I've included (by wearing the t-shirt with a peace sign design), is about promoting love and kindness in the world.**

I found that cutting out pictures of ears of corn to look the same as the values of my blond hair was the most challenging task. In order to achieve my goal, I took my project home for the weekend to work on it. It was resourceful to use recycled garden, seed catalogues and magazine covers of printed food to collage a human face.

Italian Renaissance artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo influenced my work and interested me because it was the first time that I had ever seen his paintings. My teacher said that she had the idea to do this unit when she saw how he created human portraits with fruit, sea creatures, nature materials, etc.

In viewing my completed portraits, I discovered that I draw myself prettier than I perceive myself.