Overview
Juanita Jamison and Alma Held both studied art in college. The two women exhibited at the Iowa Art Salon. Juanita Jamison taught art and music in the Burlington, Iowa public schools. Alma Held was an instructor at the University of Iowa, teaching for a brief time alongside Grant Wood.

Compare and Contrast
Look closely at the facial expressions of each person in the two portraits.
• Which emotions do you think are expressed in each portrait? Explain why you think that.

Now, look at the ways the two artists have applied paint and the paint colors selected. Read the words and phrases below. Discuss which words and phrases you would use to describe each portrait.

Warm Colors
Cool Colors
Visible Brush Strokes
Geometric Shapes
Biomorphic Shapes
Symmetry
Balance
Repeating Pattern
Vivid Colors
Subdued Colors
Harmony
Delicate Line
Vivid Colors
Dramatic
Fine Line
Flowing
Bold Line
Coarse Line
Naturalistic
Flat Tones
Angular

Use Your Imagination
The artists of both of these portraits provided clues about the person’s profession. Which clues tell you that one person is a farmer and the other is an artist? Imagine that an artist will paint a portrait of you. Think of a fact about yourself that you would want the artist to capture. List three clues the artist could include in your portrait.