Expressive Self Portrait

Create your own expressive self portrait inspired by Peruvian-American artist Kukuli Velarde, whose work is currently on display in _Playful/Pensive: Contemporary Artists and Contemporary Issues_ at RAM. In her ceramic work, Velarde addresses the complexities of colonization and identity while focusing on Latin American history as a point of reference. She describes her work as “the reality with which I am familiar.” Take inspiration from Velarde’s expressive and meaningful work by choosing a facial expression or color scheme that evokes a specific feeling or emotion within yourself.

Kukuli Velarde

*Najallota Insolente Playfully disobedient. Does not believe in hierarchies, la hija de la gran...Maya. Mexico, 750 BC*

from the _Plunder Me, Baby Series, 2006_
Terracotta and paint
Racine Art Museum, Gift of Karen Johnson Boyd
Photography: Jon Bolton

Kukuli Velarde

*India Pacharaca (Cupiníque, Peru, 1000 B.C.) Taciturn, Abruptly Violent, Enjoys Rough Handling*

from the _Plunder Me, Baby Series, 2007_
Painted black earthenware
Racine Art Museum, Gift of Devra Breslow
Photography: Jon Bolton
Supplies
- Pencil
- Paper
- Colored pencils, markers, crayons etc.
- Photograph

Instructions
1. Take an expressive photo of yourself.
2. Print it out for reference.
3. Sketch your self portrait onto your paper using a pencil.
4. Color in your expressive portrait using bold, meaningful colors.

Example of finished project