

FRAMELESS®**NATIONAL
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BROUGHT TO LIFE

Portraits tell stories. A portrait is more than a face. It can hold a clue about a life, a moment, a story. Look closely. Artists make choices when they create a portrait. Those choices help tell a story.

In this space, you will meet five people whose stories have been brought to life through portraits:

Malala Yousafzai

Malala is known for speaking up for girls' right to education. In her portrait, she is shown with books and a desk nearby. It feels like a moment of focus and determination, like she is ready to keep learning and speaking out.

William Shakespeare

Shakespeare wrote plays and stories that are still performed today. In portraits of him, he often looks thoughtful, as if he is always turning ideas into words and worlds.

Nelson Mandela

Nelson Mandela spent his life working for fairness and equality. His portraits often show a calm strength, reminding us of someone who led through change and challenge.

Amy Winehouse

Amy Winehouse was a singer with a unique voice and style. Her portraits often feel very personal, capturing her presence, fashion, and character in a way that feels close and real.

Queen Elizabeth II

Queen Elizabeth II appeared in many portraits across her long life. Some show her in formal settings, others feel more personal. Together they show different sides of her story over time.

Look closer

When you look at a portrait, you might notice:

- What the person is holding or wearing
- How they are standing or sitting
- What kind of mood the image has
- What story it might be telling without words
- Every portrait is a moment in time.

