

## Mini Art Lesson:

### *Napoleon Leading the Army over the Alps* by Kehinde Wiley

Taking inspiration from Kehinde Wiley's *Napoleon Leading the Army over the Alps* (2005), we'll create powerful poses with your kids ages 2–6 and draw expressive self-portraits for kids ages 7 and up. Feel free to adapt the activities in a way that best suits your family!

#### ●FOR TEACHERS, CAREGIVERS, AND PARENTS

Access a [free teaching guide](#), featuring questions for viewing this artwork as well as other great activities and resources.



## FOR AGES 2–6: LET'S PLAY

**Step 1:** Look at Wiley's artwork with your child and then copy the pose of the figure in the painting. Model it for your child and have them pose with you!

**Step 2:** Mix and match your outfit with items from your closet! Here's A.R.T. Guide Elizabeth Crowell responding to the challenge. (A)

**Step 3:** How did you feel making that pose? Write these words down on a piece of paper. Do you think this is how the person in Wiley's painting feels, too?

**Step 4:** Now, set a timer for 10 seconds. Make the same pose again, this time acting out the words you wrote down.

**Step 5:** Repeat above, but add lots of movement to get those wiggles out!

A



FOR AGES 7+:  
LET'S CREATE

**Step 1:** Think of a symbol that represents you. Grab a sheet of paper and draw it as a patterned background. Be sure to fill the whole piece of paper! (A)

**Step 2:** On a separate sheet, draw a picture of yourself in a powerful pose. Then, cut out your self-portrait and glue it onto the patterned paper. (B)

**Step 3:** From a magazine (or with a printer), cut out different images that represent you. Glue these cutouts along the edge of your paper to create a frame. Check out Wiley's gold frame for inspiration! (C)

A



B



C



From top: Kehinde Wiley (American, born 1977). *Napoleon Leading the Army over the Alps*, 2005. Oil on canvas. Brooklyn Museum; Partial gift of Suzi and Andrew Boone Cohen in memory of Ilene R. Boone and in honor of Arnold L. Lehman, Mary Smith Dorward Fund, and William K. Jacobs, Jr. Fund, 2015.53. © Kehinde Wiley. Courtesy Sean Kelly Gallery, New York For ages 2–6: (Photo: Elizabeth Crowell, Brooklyn Museum) For ages 7+: (Photos: Noé Gaytán, Brooklyn Museum)