

learning at home



## PORTRAIT POSERS A QUIZ EXPLORING THE KEHINDE WILEY EXHIBITION *THE YELLOW WALLPAPER*

To best answer these questions **follow this link** to find a good quality whole version of this image and of the rest of the exhibition. Look for the small thumbnail and click on it to enlarge.



1. What are the names of the two children in the portrait?
2. How old do you think they are?
3. What clothes are they both wearing?
4. The artist Kehinde Wiley met this family on the street in Dalston, East London and asked them to pose for him. How do you think they are feeling? Circle the words you think fit.  
**Happy Sad Proud Shy Silly Excited Bored Puzzled Confident Nervous Important**  
Your own word?

5. Which of these statements are true and which are false?
  - a. The artist made this image quite quickly by taking a photograph with a very large camera
  - b. The artist made this image quite quickly by painting it from memory with large brushes
  - c. The artist took a long time to paint this picture. First he took a photo of the family to look at while he was painting. He used small brushes to get every detail and worked with oil paints
6. Kehinde Wiley loves William Morris's patterns designed from nature and often uses them as background for his portraits, but sometime he changes things...
  - a. Which pattern design did he use for this family portrait? Draw an arrow to it.



Blackthorn



Compton

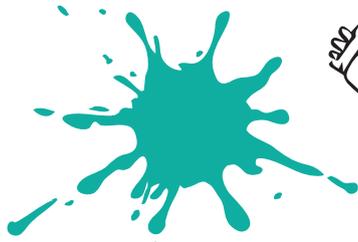


Honeysuckle



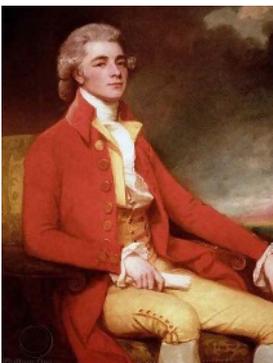
Wild Tulip

- b. What things has Kehinde changed in his version of the pattern?



**PORTRAIT POSERS** A QUIZ EXPLORING THE KEHINDE WILEY EXHIBITION *THE YELLOW WALLPAPER*

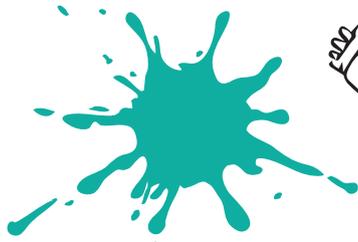
7. Kehinde likes to position his models in poses inspired by grand portraits from the past. In historic portraits the sitters would often carry 'props' to give us more clues about them or to make themselves look important or fashionable. Can you match up Kehinde's portraits with their historic inspirations?



8. Kehinde Wiley was born in 1977 and is a very successful African-American artist. In his art he wants to make up for the fact that in past there were not many portraits painted of Black people. Which very important person did he paint in 2018?
- American President Donald Trump
  - Former American Present Barack Obama
  - The Queen of England

Well done! You've finished the quiz. Now check the answers to see how you've done.

**What sort of portrait would you like of yourself?** How would you pose? What would you wear? What props or background would you choose? Have a go at our 'See yourself in the frame' activity.



## learning at home

### PORTRAIT POSERS A QUIZ EXPLORING THE KEHINDE WILEY EXHIBITION *THE YELLOW WALLPAPER*

#### THE ANSWERS

1. Asia-Imani and Gabriella-Esnae Palmer. Mum is Kaya (2 points)
2. 2 years old and 5 years old (2 points or half a point for a year either way)
3. Bandana headscarf, 'onesie' play suit, blue and pink trainers. School uniform: grey pinafore, white blouse, black patent (shiny) school shoes, white ankle socks, hairband (1 point each for every item noticed)
4. 1 point for each feeling, provided you can say why you think this, based on looking at the picture
5. C is true. A and B are false (1 point each)
6. a) Compton design (1 point)  
b) Wiley created a new colourway in yellow and orange rather than Compton's usual blue background (1 point). He changed the patterns to make them overlap the people in the portrait so they appear to be coming out of their flat two-dimensional space into the foreground in 3D (2 points if you say something similar to this)
7. A/Y; B/Z; C/X and D/W (1 point each correct pair)
8. B (1 point)

We hope you have enjoyed doing this quiz and learning about Kehinde Wiley's portraits. There were 35 points to win altogether (unless you have spotted something we haven't!)

Tell us how you got on and show us your **See Yourself in the Frame** activity by sharing this on Instagram (@morrisingallery) or Twitter (@wmgallery) using the hashtag #WMGfamilies

If you want to find out more about Kehinde Wiley and the other portraits in the quiz check out the **Kehinde Wiley: Yellow Wallpaper learning resources**.