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Self-Portraiture in Contemporary Art

This list of web resources will allow you and your students to learn more about the history of self-portraiture, as well as how contemporary artists explore this genre in different ways. These websites provide information on the artists in the exhibition About Face: Self-Portraiture in Contemporary Art and some general background information that might help deepen your experience in the galleries.

Learn more about the history of self-portraiture and photography:

http://www.moma.org/learn/moma_learning/themes/what-is-modern-art/modern-portraits

This Museum of Modern Art website provides a short essay on the history of portraiture and how it changed in the twentieth century.

http://www.moma.org/learn/moma_learning/themes/photography

The Museum of Modern Art website provides a brief description of the history of photography. The sidebar of this page features links to thematic essays on different aspects of photography, such as style and subject matter.

http://www.metmuseum.org/toah/hi/te_index.asp?s=all&t=all&d=photographs

This link connects to the Heilbrunn Timeline of Art History, an online resource created by the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The Department of Photographs provides a number of essays on the history of photography, as well as the connection between art and photography. Scroll down the page to explore various aspects of photography, both past and present.

http://hyperallergic.com/76218/before-the-selfie-the-self-portrait/

This article from 2013 discusses the contemporary phenomenon of the “selfie” and looks to art history and self-portraiture to connect this interest with expressing the self through image.
Learn more about the contemporary artists featured in the exhibition *About Face*:

http://chuckclose.com/index.html

This website provides a timeline of images of Chuck Close’s work.

http://www.pacegallery.com/artists/80/chuck-close

Pace Gallery represents Chuck Close. This website provides biographical information on Close as well as a video clip of the artist speaking about his work.

http://www.susannacoffey.com/

This website provides biographical information on Susana Coffey and includes images of her work, past and present, as well as a video interview and artist statement.


This website provides information on Félix de la Concha, whose work is shown in *About Face: Self Portraiture in Contemporary Art* and was also the subject of an exhibition at the Hood Museum of Art in 2009.

http://www.mariangoodman.com/artists/rineke-dijkstra/

The Marian Goodman Gallery represents Rineke Dijkstra. Explore this website for information on the artist’s life and work.

http://www.guggenheim.org/new-york/exhibitions/past/exhibit/4424

This website provides information on Rineke Dijkstra and includes images of her work as well as an artist interview.

http://www.martingutierrez.net/

This website includes biographical information on Martín Gutierrez. There are also sections with images and video clips of his work.

http://nmwa.org/explore/artist-profiles/nikki-s-lee

The National Museum of Women in the Arts profiles Nikki Lee. This website provides background and biographical information on Lee and her work.

http://www.tonkonow.com/lee.html

Visit this website to view work by Nikki Lee.

This website provides biographical information on Sarah McEneaney, along with selected images of her work and her exhibition history.

http://www.pbs.org/art21/artists/bruce-nauman

Art21 is a nonprofit organization dedicated to engaging and educating audiences about contemporary visual art. A short video on Bruce Nauman’s work and life and can be found on this website.


The Museum of Modern Art profiles Bruce Nauman’s life and work.

http://www.wendyredstar.com/

This is Wendy Red Star’s website, which includes links to her work and her blog.

http://vimeo.com/35930435

This link connects to a video of a studio visit to artist Wendy Red Star.

http://www.enricoriley.com/home

This website shows the work of Dartmouth College studio art faculty member Enrico Riley.

http://painters-table.com/link/gorkys-granddaughter/enrico-riley

This website links to an interview with Enrico Riley.

http://www.cindysherman.com/

This website provides information on the artist Cindy Sherman.

http://www.moma.org/visit/calendar/exhibitions/1170


http://www.pbs.org/art21/artists/cindy-sherman

Art21 is a nonprofit organization dedicated to engaging and educating audiences about contemporary visual art. A short video on Cindy Sherman’s work and life and can be found on this website.

http://www.pacegallery.com/artists/442/kiki-smith

Pace Gallery represents Kiki Smith. This website provides information and images on the artist and her work.
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http://www.christianthompson.net/

This website provides information on the art and life of Aboriginal Australian artist Christian Thompson.

http://www.mariangoodman.com/artists/jeff-wall/

This website provides information on Jeff Wall.


The Museum of Modern Art’s website links to a page that includes an essay and interactive features, as well as images of work by Jeff Wall.

http://www.tate.org.uk/art/artists/francesca-woodman-10512

The Tate Museum’s website includes information about a past exhibition on the artist Francesca Woodman.

http://www.guggenheim.org/new-york/exhibitions/past/exhibit/4432

The Guggenheim Museum’s website includes an essay on artist Francesca Woodman, along with images from a recent exhibition on the artist.