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Outline for ArtHistory Portrait Letter

Notes on Portraiture from Readings:

* Portaits reveal the grwth in interest of everyday life and identity and the revival of Greco-roman customs
* The sense of reality an apparent intention to depict the unique appearance of a particular person
* “seeks to bring out whatever the sitter has in common with the rest of humanity”
* There is the importance of engagement of the sitter and the viewer
* There are conventions that connect portatis yet makes each all the more distinct
* Portaits were often commissioned at a significant moment in ones life

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* People wanted to record their features and preserve them for posterity. Portatis were used as a way of announcing one’s piety, virtue, learning and prosperity
* “Divine force of painting”
* In the different city states there were different styles of portraiture.
  + Ventitions-3 quarter bust length in standard view with a sky
  + Florence favored the sculpted bust with the sitter in costumes
* Marriage was the new big deal in Italy, using them to the advantage of the city.
* The renaissance saw in increase in the portraiture of women (though only the high renaissance?)
* Women in the guise of religious figures
* In the early renessaince portraiture is considered a vehicle for presenting the characters of an individual

**Presentation of Sell “Painting…Makes absent men present**

* Virtues of women in the renaissance: chasitity, beauty, and love

**Medals: The remaissance calling card**

* The profile is somewhat outdated by the late 1500’s as the three quartes gives mor information and have a landscape background that places the portaited a man of the world
* Flat background was used to reserve emphasis the sitters status

**Wedding Pictures**

* Antiquity
* Hope(green), fath(white), charity(red)