

## WordPortraits™ Supplies List: Wes Douglas, instructor

- Select a clear 8" x 10" head shot of your chosen subject
- One pad or several sheets of 9" x 12" tracing paper
- Pencil and eraser
- One black fine line pen (such as Micron 1.0, Pilot Razorpoint, Flair fine pt)
- One 11" x 14" white illustration board, cold press
- **OPTIONAL:** One roll of SARAL blue transfer paper
- **OPTIONAL:** assortment of color fine pt color pens (Sharpie, Tombow, etc.)
- **OPTIONAL:** assortment of bold pt color pens (Sharpie, Prismacolor, etc.)

### WordPortrait Supply List:

One fine point pen such as...  
**Micron 05, Uniball Vision Micro, Sharpie Med Pen, or ballpoint pen**

One pad of tracing paper or a roll of tracing paper for multiple tracings.  
**Suggested: 9" x 12"**

An assortment of bold color markers or pens such as Sharpies or Tombow

8" x 10" or larger photo of your subject (head shot)

**We will work on generating a list of words in class**

Sample WordPortrait list

- Wicked
- Capitol Drive - Sugar Grove, IL
- Cheltenham Dr - Normal, IL
- Surprise New House Purchase

Little Red Mustang  
 1<sup>st</sup> New Year's Eve Party  
 Flowers & Candles Proposal  
 Jeremiah 29:11 - The Journey  
 "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'"  
 Kerry Chesney Concert  
 Pink Floyd  
 July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
 BNL Concert - Downtown Chicago  
 New Years in Chicago

An assortment of fine point color markers or pens such as Sharpies or Tombow

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Have you ever wanted to create a special gift portrait for someone you love but you don't think you are very good at portraits? Then Word Portraits might be right for you.

"Word Portraits" incorporate drawing, hand-written text and colors to create one-of-a-kind portraits that you make yourself. Every detail of hair, shadows, or fabric pattern are lovingly made from words written with your hand. In class, we will develop a long list of words and phrases that are specific to your subject and then build very special portraits. All you need is a good 8" x 10" headshot photo.

**Wednesday nights, 7:00pm – 9:30pm**

**Winter Session B: Feb 26, Mar 4, 11, 18, 25, Apr 1, 8**

**Spring Session C: Apr 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20, 27**

### **WordPortrait List-Builder Prompts: (work on in class)**

- What nouns, verbs and adjectives describe you/your person best?
- What makes you/your person different, better or stands out a little bit more than all of the other people you know?
- What was the one event that brought the two of you together?
- What personality traits do you admire most about this person?
- Birthdates, anniversaries, baptisms, communions, etc.
- Special dates and favorite holidays that you/your person holds sacred
- Special moments (big and small) and artifacts that hold special meaning
- What are some of the first dates, first concerts, first trips, first cars?
- Favorite places to visit, travel to, hangout at, get together with friends
- Where have you/your person lived or spent time (i.e. military, work, volunteering)?
- All the names of siblings, family members, parents, grandparents (nicknames), nieces/nephews, cousins, aunts/uncles, etc.
- All of the pets you/your person has ever owned
- What catch phrases, mantras, made up quotes or nicknames do you share?
- Favorite quotes from movies, tv shows, commercials, or fictional characters
- Favorite hobbies, guilty pleasures, activities, rituals, books, etc.
- Favorite passages from the Bible? Quotes from books?
- What TV shows do you/your person have in common?
- Favorite memories, people you never want to forget, favorite good times
- Favorite foods, snacks, drinks, treats you/your person have in common
- Where are the places you/your person have worked together or have in common?

- What schools, colleges, universities have you/your person attended?
- Clubs, organizations, or sports teams you/your person have in common?
- What are some of their achievements, awards, or merits in their life?
- Favorite color, pattern, or texture?
- Favorite animal that is not their pet (some people like turtles, dolphins, tigers, monkeys for example for different reasons).

Any questions? Feel free to email or text instructor **Wes Douglas** at [wed317@gmail.com](mailto:wed317@gmail.com) or 630-776-2393

**Some example WordPortraits:**



Anne Marie Spehar



Cynthia Rolfe



Tammy Lakes



Raquel Milo



Maria Ferrante-Schepis



Gregory Bailey