



Alison Watt
Self Portrait
1986-7

Oil on canvas

Links:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alison_Watt_\(Scottish_painter\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alison_Watt_(Scottish_painter))

<http://theredblock.org/revision>
Look for 'Alison Watt' link

<http://www.picassomio.com/alison-watt.html>

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/artanddesign/2008/mar/04/art>

- Alison Watt, a contemporary Scottish artist, painted this self portrait when she was still a student at Glasgow School of Art. What do you think the artist is trying to tell us? Remember: give reasons for your answer!
- What do you believe are the most important visual elements in this painting? Remember to use words such as composition, colour, tone, and to talk about the style the artist has used. Use your booklet to help with this answer.
- Most artists will try to tell us a little about the person they are painting, through their work.
- What do you think Alison Watt has tried to portray with this self portrait? What do the pose, and the colours tell us about the artist at the time when she painted this? Again, be sure to speak about use of colour, composition, and any other visual elements you feel are important.
- Do you think this is a relaxed pose, or a more formal pose? Give reasons for your answer.

Finally, remember that the purpose of Expressive Art is to make us have some sort of reaction, or to express feelings about the subject being painted. What is your personal reaction to this painting? Give reasons for your thoughts.