Art can be a powerful way to honor and draw attention to important ideas and people.

Look closely at this portrait titled “Revolutionary” by African American painter Wadsworth Jarrell.

Can you find any words in the painting?
The words like “Revolution,” “Black,” and “Vote” represent the ideas of Angela Davis, a revolutionary activist who continues her activism today and is now well celebrated. However, when Jarrell created this portrait in 1972, Davis and her ideas about racial equality and justice were considered to be too radical, even dangerous, by those who resisted change. But Jarrell was inspired by Davis and was not afraid to show his support by creating this beautiful portrait.

Who inspires you? Create a portrait of them incorporating words that they represent like Wadsworth Jarrell!

Wadsworth Jarrell, Revolutionary (Angela Davis), 1972, Color screenprint, Gift of Funds from Mary and Bob Mersky 2018.41

Materials
- White paper
- Pencil/Pen
- Colored markers/ color pencils

Instructions
1. Research about someone who inspires you and write a list of 5~10 words that represent them
2. In the center of your piece of paper, draw a simple outline of your person (or you can cut and glue a picture of them)
3. Write the words from your list in the shape of rays radiating around your person
   - Use a pencil first then use colorful markers or color pencils (Wadsworth Jarrell was known for his bright “kool aid” colors)
   - Help the words stand out by making bubble letters and coloring them in
4. Add rays of colors between and around the words to make the portrait vibrant!

This is an example Natalia made of the legendary singer Nina Simone