Who’s Who?

A portrait is a picture that shows a particular person. This kind of painting or photograph may tell you something about what the person thought or felt. Some artists focus on the face, but others include details of background, clothing, and other objects that tell you more about what the person did. Portraits can reveal a lot about the personalities and history of people who lived even hundreds of years ago.

Take a look at these five portraits.

See if you can match the pictures to the rhymes, and learn a little more about each person. Fill in your answers in the spaces to the right of each clue.

1. I could be your grandma, so plain at first glance; believe it or not, I’m the queen of all France.  
2. In pearls, lace and satin, with hair done up in bows, I’m truly a princess, right down to my toes. 
3. I traveled the world to map the equator, and wear the big medal I won some years later. 
4. My face ever fierce, my heart never faint, I carry the symbols that show I’m a saint. 
5. Excuse me—can’t talk now—I must get to work; These papers need filing, and where is my clerk?

Visit the Car and Carriage Museum to see a 1914 Model T up close!

You may see Ford cars drive through your neighborhood every day, but probably not a Ford Model T! Although Henry Ford’s Model T was built only between 1908 and 1927, it is still one of the most famous and important automobiles ever made. One of the special things about the Model T was that it was made on a moving assembly line. Mr. Ford’s cars moved along a track from worker to worker, and each person along the line added a part to the car as it passed. This method saved a lot of time, energy and money!

TRUE OR FALSE

See how much you know about the Model T. Circle TRUE or FALSE for each statement. Check your answers below!

1. Henry Ford invented the first car. TRUE/FALSE
2. Before the Model T, Ford also designed models for other alphabet letters from A through S. TRUE/FALSE
3. In 1921, more than half of all new cars sold in the world were Model Ts. TRUE/FALSE
4. Only very rich people could afford to buy Model Ts. TRUE/FALSE

Model T-riffic!

Model Ts had fewer, simpler parts than cars do today. That was a good thing, because there were few gas stations or garages where you could take your car to be fixed. Drivers had to be good at their own repairs, and luckily, Ford included a set of tools with each new car!

Speaking of parts, see how many words you can build out of the letters in FORD MODEL T. Start with simple, three letter words like DOT. What is the longest word you can find?

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