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? ________

ANSWERS
A. 1 (Henry Clay Frick)
B. 2 (Champlain, Jacques Cartier)
C. 3 (Charles V, Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire)
D. 4 (Anne of Austria, Queen of France)
E. 5 (Irene de la Tour de la Crussol, Duchess of Anjou)

You can see all of these portraits at the Frick!

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