

## LA Starts Here!

### Pío de Jesús Pico: A Snapshot in History

#### Note to Educator:

Use these materials to prepare for your classroom's online virtual fieldtrip.

Students can follow along to the live workshop demonstration if workshop materials are prepared in advanced, or they can observe the demonstration and try the activity as a separate classroom activity or try at home as part of a homework assignment.

Prepare in advance by exploring the **Educator Resources** and connect themes explored in the virtual fieldtrip with **Student Resources** that students can read before or after to begin a conversation about Pío de Jesús Pico or dive deeper into learning more about California and Los Angeles history.

#### Art Workshop:

A Snapshot in History

#### Grades

4 – 6

<b>Materials</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ paper (8.5 x 11 in.)</li><li>○ pencil</li><li>○ eraser</li><li>○ glue</li><li>○ crayons, markers, colored pencils</li></ul>
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#### Workshop Procedure

1. Lead a photo analysis of two different images of Pío de Jesús Pico by asking the following questions:
  - What words would you use to describe each photograph?
  - What details stand out to you the most? Look closely at people, clothing, and objects.
  - What other information can you gather from each photo? Think about the year, season, location.
  - What questions do you have about the images? Can you find the answers to your questions within the photos themselves?
2. Create your own self portrait! On a sheet of paper write a list of words that describe you. Use this list to plan how you will represent yourself using symbols, colors, and scenery.
3. Begin by identifying the overall shape of your facial features and/or torso.
4. With your pencil, sketch the shapes onto a sheet of paper

5. Add detailed lines that will help define your facial features, hair, and clothing.
6. Take a step back to decide where to add shadows and then proceed by shading them in.
7. Add color to your portrait through your choice of medium: crayons, markers, or colored pencils.

### Reflection

Have students think about the following questions:

1. Based on what you learned about Pío Pico, how did he represent himself in his portraits?
2. Use the photo analysis questions to analyze and interpret your own self-portrait. What are some ways you expressed information about yourself in your portrait?

Students can share responses with each other in small groups or share responses as part of a large class discussion. Students can also write responses to these questions and share with class as part of a class presentation.

### Extended Learning

1. Ask students to select another portrait of a historical figure, artist, activist, literary scholar, or community member. Using their analytical skills, what information can they gather and interpret in their selected work?

### Resources for Educators

Bernal, Victoria. "Vast Swaths of Southern California Once Belonged to Pío Pico". *KCET*, 4 Nov. 2016, [www.kcet.org/shows/lost-la/vast-swaths-of-southern-california-once-belonged-to-pio-pico](http://www.kcet.org/shows/lost-la/vast-swaths-of-southern-california-once-belonged-to-pio-pico).

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### Resources for Students

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