



Roberto Lugo "Village Potter"

Unit 1: Roberto Lugo Inspired Portrait Pots

Background on Roberto Lugo: [Information on Roberto Lugo](#)

Roberto Lugo is a Philadelphia-based artist, ceramicist, social activist, poet, and educator. Lugo utilizes classical pottery forms in conjunction with portraiture and surface design reminiscent of his North Philadelphia upbringing and Hip Hop culture to highlight themes of poverty, inequality, and racial injustice. Lugo's works reimagine traditional European and Asian ceramics, adding a 21st-century street sensibility. Their hand-painted surfaces feature classic decorative patterns and motifs combined with elements of urban life, graffiti and portraits of individuals who have been historically absent from traditional luxury vessels, individuals such as Sojourner Truth, Dr. Cornel West, and The Notorious BIG, as well as Lugo's family members and, very often, himself.

Examples of Historical Porcelain Portrait Painting



LEARNING TARGETS:

I can create a vertically oriented coil pot that is no taller than 15" and no smaller than 8" (ideal height is 12"h)

I can use incising and applique accents on my built coil pot.

I can create a smoothed area on the body of my pot for my decal portrait design.

I can use underglaze to create my design and a clear overglaze.

I can incorporate text into my design.

I can use the gold luster overglaze to add real gold accents to my artwork.

CHECK OFF REQUIREMENTS

- Solidly built coil pot from a template
- Bisque firing of built coil pot
- Underglaze colors, Clear overglaze coat, then FIRE.
- Transfer Portrait Decal onto fired pot and REFIRE.
- Add gold overglaze accents and low temp REFIRE.



<https://www.thelastdropproject.org/roberto-lugo>



WHAT DOES UNDERGLAZE DESIGN LOOK LIKE?



Fascinating Ceramic website to check out.... (The historic)

[Article on European Portrait Painting on Porcelain](#)

[Renaissance art on a plate](#)

[Portrait Plate from The Met](#)

[Google Arts and Culture: European Porcelain Designs](#)



British Royal Family on plates



Examples of Ornate European Porcelain







Websites about Roberto Lugo to check out....

[Perspectives: The Met](#)

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[CBS Sunday Morning Video](#)

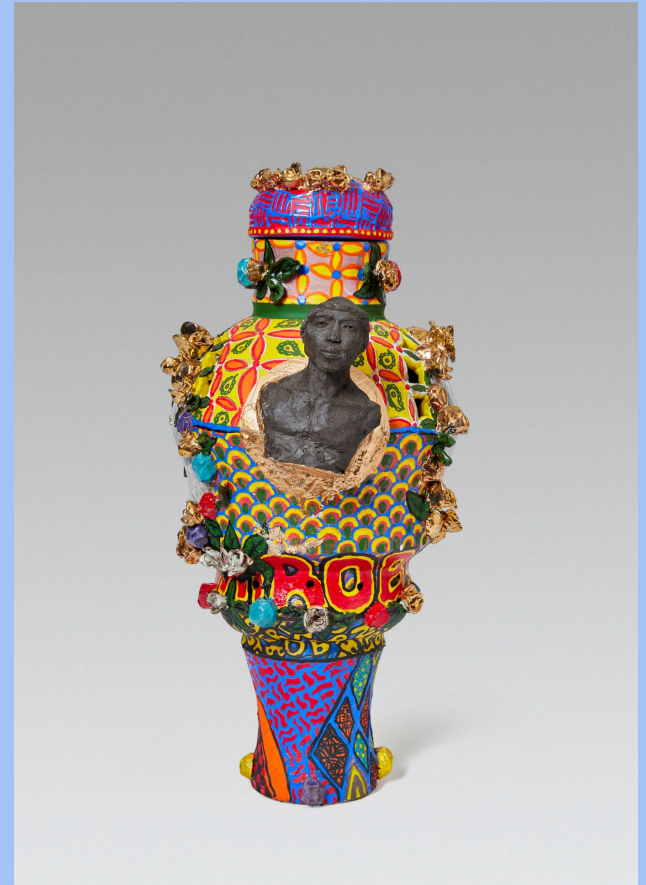
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Examples of Lugo's work









STUDENT EXAMPLES







