

Laura Wheeler Waring  
Marian Anderson



*Portrait of Marian Anderson by Laura Wheeler Waring, 1944*

*Painting, Oil on Canvas. Used with permission of National Portrait Gallery, Smithsonian Institution; gift of the Harmon Foundation*

## Activities

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### Speaking, Listening and Viewing

- Interpret Laura Wheeler Waring's oil on canvas portrait of Marian Anderson. What does the image tell you about Anderson? What does it tell you about Waring?

### Writing/ Learning Resources and Information Technology

- Write a report on Laura Wheeler Waring focusing on her choice of subjects for her paintings. Who did she paint? Why?

### Working Independently/ Creative Thinking

- Paint a portrait of a famous woman. It doesn't matter if it is visually pleasing. The idea is to paint a portrait of a woman that tells us some things you think are important about that woman.

### Problem Solving/Reasoning and Creative Thinking

- What would you have to do to become a painter or other type of artist? What education would you need? What barriers would you face? How might you overcome them?