We are all American singers. We sing in different styles and to different audiences. Most of the songs we sing tell stories.

I sing folk songs, expressing the wants of everyday people. I accompany myself on a single instrument. My music and clothing are simple and straightforward. **Who am I?**

I sing in Broadway shows. My sparkly costume helped tell the story of Annie Oakley. Up on the stage, I appear larger than life. **Who am I?**

I sing opera, a form of classical music. Often it is associated with elegant costumes and sets. My portrait includes classical columns and drapery to help convey this feeling. **Who am I?**

**What** is your favorite song to sing?

**What** different types of music do you like to sing?

**How** could you act out the story the music tells?

Each person whose portrait is in the National Portrait Gallery has made a significant contribution to American life. This guide will introduce you to some outstanding American women. We hope you have fun as you learn about them.
I am an Indian princess. My father ruled the Powhatan Indians. I befriended the colonists in Jamestown and married one of them. In 1616, I traveled to England with my husband, John Rolfe. I am wearing the clothes I wore when I met King James I. Who am I?

How do you think I dressed before I went to England?

When I was young, many people thought girls were too delicate to go to school and learn the same subjects as boys. I successfully pleaded with my father for an education. In 1840, I met an important Quaker woman who impressed me with her ideas that women could do many of the same things as men. In 1848, we organized the first Women’s Rights Convention. I thought women should have more rights, including the right to vote. My best friend also devoted her life to working for women’s rights. Who are we?

Look at our birth dates. Were we approximately the same ages?

Do you have friends who are older or younger than you? Have you worked together on a project about which you feel strongly?

Describe the project.

I was perhaps the most glamorous movie star ever. This photographic portrait of me on stage performing for American soldiers was made by one of my fans. I have blond hair and a great smile. Who am I?

How was this portrait made?

Has anyone ever made a portrait of you? What materials (media) did they use?

We love to be athletic.

I won a gold medal in figure skating in the winter Olympics.

I won two Olympic gold medals in the heptathlon. My photograph shows me throwing a javelin.

I excelled and won the top prizes in tennis. Who are we? (Hint: The tennis player’s portrait is not a photograph and is located with the other media.)

What sports do you like to play?