In Art Masterpiece, we studied the Spanish artist, Diego Velazquez. He was a master realist, and his paintings greatly influenced the work of other artists. For 37 years, Velazquez was a court painter and painted portraits of the king and other royalty. The artwork of Velazquez reflects his careful observation of his subject matter and his superior ability to create effects with light and shadow.

I created this portrait by carefully observing a student model.