

CREATE YOUR PERSONAL TIMELINE

In the exhibition, you may have come across a timeline highlighting events in Will Shuster's life. Events are marked, such as his arrival in Santa Fe, the birth of his son, and even important trips. You don't have to be famous to create and share your own timeline.

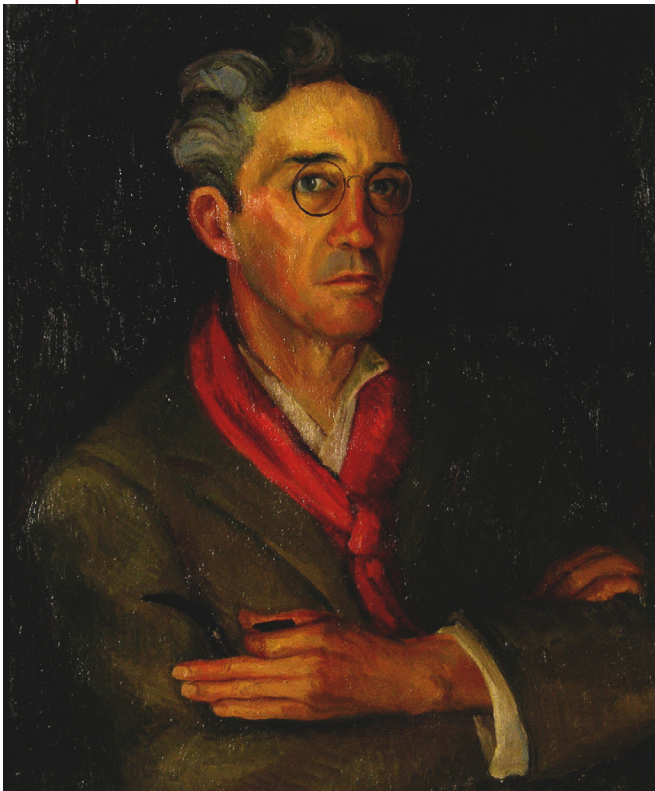
1. Start with a blank piece of paper (or a page in your journal).
2. Draw a line down the middle. It's best if you use the longest dimension to give yourself more space. You can draw the line on the reverse or back of the paper, too.
3. At one end of your line, write your birthday (including the year). This will be the start of your personal timeline. At the end of the line, write today's date.
4. Now you are ready to add important life events to your timeline. You don't have to include everything. It is up to YOU what is important enough to write down, but here are some ideas: first day of school; when you adopted a family pet; coming first place in a competition; when you first read your favorite book; meeting your best friend; if/when you moved to a new place; and so much more!
5. You can use different colors to indicate different types of events (happy/sad; anniversaries/accomplishments; etc.) It helps to create a first draft using pencil, so you can erase any mistakes and so you can make sure you space everything out exactly how you want it.
6. When you're done, take a picture and share it with us at the Museum!

A FIERY LIGHT

WILL
SHUSTER'S
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DRAW A (SELF-) PORTRAIT

Will Shuster painted many portraits during his career. Portraits are artistic representations of a person with a particular focus on their face/head. They can be created using just about anything, from pencil to clay to a camera. In a now-famous event, Shuster and his friend, John Sloan, had a portrait duel of sorts, in which they painted each other's portraits simultaneously (at the same time). Here is one painting that Shuster painted in 1928 of John Sloan.



Will Shuster
American, 1893–1969
Portrait of John Sloan 1928
Oil on canvas

Gift of Mrs. John Sloan, 1983. Museum Number 1983.32.1

If you are with a friend or family member, ask them to join you for your own portrait fun! All you need is a pencil and sheet of paper. IF you are alone, use a mirror to draw a self-portrait. It's okay if it is not perfect the first time. It can take practice to accurately draw something. It may help to focus on one part of the face at a time (eyes, mouth, nose, hair, etc.).