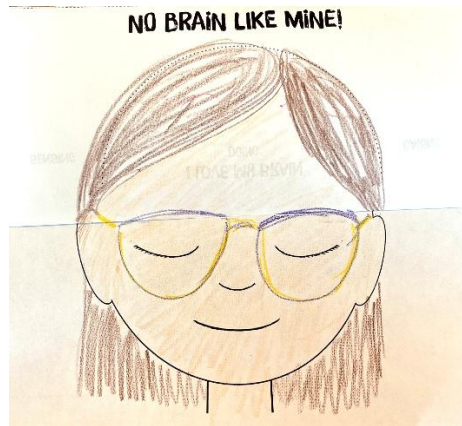


No Brain Like Mine: No Brain the Same Art Project



Supplies needed:

- No Brain Like Mine Printable. The pdf must be printed double sided for this project to work.
- Pencil
- Crayons or color pencils

Instructions:

The illustrations in No Brain the Same are portraits – realistic images of real people. The artist uses clothing, setting, lighting, and expressions of the subject to visually convey the subject's personality, feeling, or life story.

No Brain the Same focuses on neurodiversity – a long word that means every person's brain is different. We are going to create a self-portrait that visually expresses some of what makes you and your brain unique.

1. Fold the paper along the fold line
2. Turn the paper so you can see the head outline. Open the flap. We are going to draw or write about some of what makes our brains unique. (10-15 minutes)
3. One of the things our brain does for us is **controls our senses** – seeing, hearing, tasting, smelling, and feeling all happen in our brains.
 - a. Starting on the left, draw or write something that your brain loves to taste. What's one of your favorite foods or drinks?
 - b. What is a smell you enjoy?
 - c. What sounds does your brain like? Do you love to rock out? What is your favorite band? Do you prefer sounds from nature?
 - d. Color the background of this stripe with one of your favorite colors.

4. Our brain controls the **things we do** – how we move, learn, talk, and play.
 - a. Draw or write a moment or activity that you enjoy. Do you love soccer? Dance? Minecraft? Your brain makes all of these possible.
 - b. What does your brain enjoy learning? This doesn't have to be a subject in school! It could be Pokemon, or cooking, or something else you've learned outside of school.
5. Our brains also allow us to **care** – about people, animals, and our planet. Each of the activists in No Brain the Same has something they care about. They saw a problem in the world and cared enough about it to speak up and do something about it.
 - a. Draw a picture or write about something you care about.
6. Finish your brain self-portrait by coloring in the background of the other two sections with colors you like.
7. Close the flap. Use crayons or color pencils to personalize the head outline and make it look like your outsides. (3-5 minutes)
8. Display with flaps closed so viewers can lift them up and look inside.

No one else's brain is just like yours.

Your voice and your story matter.

You have the power to make a difference in the world.