

# Sir Joshua Reynolds

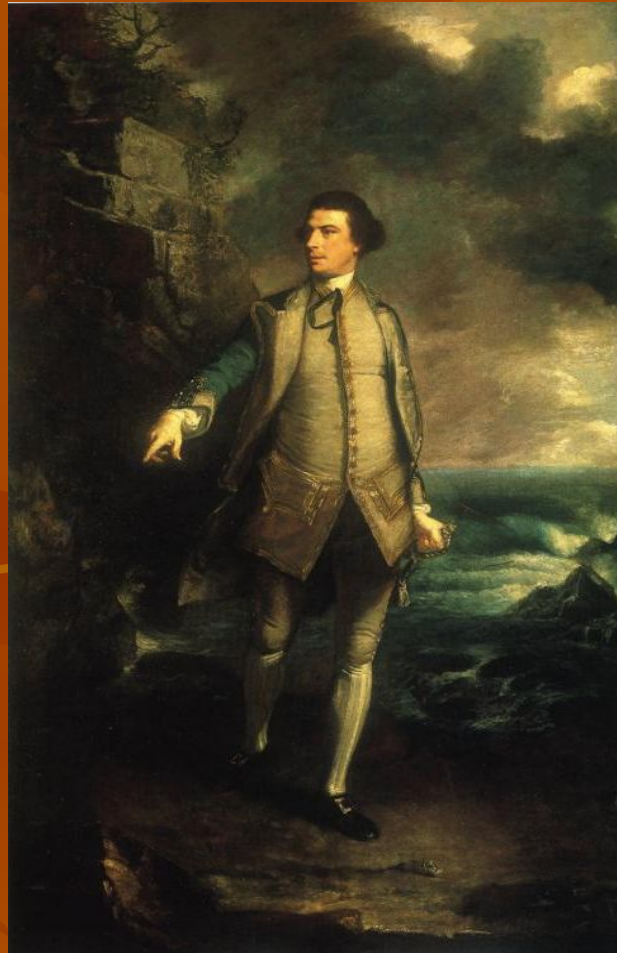
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# Biography



- Born in Plympton, Devon, on 16 July 1723
- One of ten (maybe eleven) children
- The son of the village school-master
- He was one of the founders and first President of the Royal Academy.
- George III knighted him in 1769.
- From 1749 to 1752, he spent over two years in Italy, mainly in Rome, where he studied the Old Masters and acquired a taste for the "Grand Style". From 1753 on, he lived and worked in London.
- With his rival Thomas Gainsborough, he was the dominant English portraitist of the second half of the 18th century. Reynolds painted in more of an idealized fashion than his rival. Reynolds was a brilliant academic.
- His lectures (Discourses) on art, delivered at the Royal Academy between 1769 and 1790, are remembered for their sensitivity and perception.

Augustus Keppel.  
1752-1753



**Sir Joshua Reynolds. Self-Portrait.  
1747**





# The Eliot Family. 1746



**Clotworthy Skeffington, Later 1st Earl of Massereene.**

**1744-1746.**



**Thomas and Martha Neate, with Tutor**  
**1748**





**Sir Thomas Kennedy, James Caulfeild, Mr Ward and Mr  
Phelps  
1751**





**Mrs William Molesworth**  
**1755**



**Sir Joshua Reynolds. Elizabeth, Countess of Pembroke and Her Son.  
1764-1767**



Sir Joshua Reynolds. Lady Mary Leslie.  
1764.





**Sir Joshua Reynolds. Venus Chiding Cupid**  
**1771**

