

# Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

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## GROS, Antoine-Jean, baron

Paris 1771 – Meudon 1835

Pupil of David from around 1785; he became one of the most important history painters and portraitists of the Napoleonic era. He is not known to have used pastel; however, on the reverse of a trois-crayons self-portrait in Lisbon, which would appear to date from his time with David, is found a study of a female head in coloured chalks including some pastel. The drawing is weaker than the *recto*, but it may be his. As early as 1782, Gros made chalk drawings of his parents.

Some anonymous pastel copies of his work fall outside the scope of the *Dictionary*.

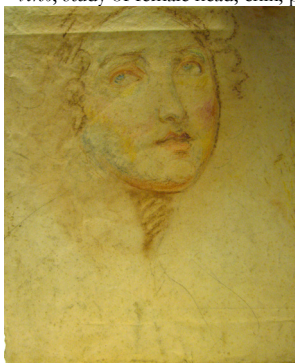
### Bibliography

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### Drawings with pastel

J.3628.101 AUTO PORTRAIT, trois crayons, c.1790  
(Lisbon, Museu nacional de arte antiga, inv 2719)

~*verso*, study of female head, chlk, pstl ☐



### Anon. related pastels

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J.3628.106 ~cop., pstl, c.1804 (L'artiste; don: Cossard, peintre miniaturiste; desc.: famille PC, Troyes; Émile Brouwet, musée Napoléon, Digne-les-Bains, 1932; musée dismantled in 1939, Brouwet collection auctioned 1934).  
Lit.: *Revue des Études napoléoniennes*, 1932, II, p. 201 repr., as original [??] ☐

