



Ford playing solitaire

Ford Madox Ford shared Stella's life for almost ten years. Ford was a well-known writer of novels, biographies and poems. He was also a highly regarded literary critic and edited a number of literary journals. Stella painted several portraits of Ford. This one was painted towards the end of their relationship, while he was travelling in the United States.

- Why do you think Ford is playing solitaire (patience)? When do you play a game like solitaire?
- Look at Ford's mouth carefully. Describe how it makes you feel.

Look again

- What are the symbols in this painting? What do the symbols represent?

Activity: Explore mathematics through solitaire. If you played solitaire twenty times, what is the probability of getting it out? How could you increase the probability?

painted in Paris, 1927, oil on wood panel, 41.2 x 32.8 cm, private collection.